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Blair lambasts his 'foolish' MEPs

Tories begin to woo back Euro rebels

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Government began wooing back the Conservative Euro-rebels last night as a Cabinet minister said he hoped their breach with the party would be resolved as speedily as possible.

Five of the nine rebels supported the Government in votes that will retain its majority on the standing committees examining legislation in detail. Four of them abstained but two of these were understood to be abroad.

The five rebels backing the Government were Sir Richard Body, Sir Teddy Taylor, John Wilkinson, Nicholas Budgen and Richard Shepherd. Tony Marlow supported the Government on one vote but abstained on another.

Had it lost, the Government would have faced the prospect of seeing its legislative programme bogged down in committee, with the possibility of defeat on contentious issues.

Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, had earlier offered the most conciliatory gesture so far to the rebels when he said that "all of us wish to see this situation resolved as speedily as possible". His remarks followed John Major's marked softening of tone at the weekend when he suggested that they could come back within weeks rather than months.

Labour also tried to control its dissidents yesterday. Tony Blair stamped his authority on the party with a ferocious attack on 32 Euro-MPs and an order to his Shadow Cabinet to sharpen its act.

In Brussels he accused the MEPs of "infantile incompetence" and gross discourtesy in placing a newspaper advertisment stating opposition to his plans to rewrite Clause Four of the party's constitution. His tough language surprised friends and opponents. Mr Blair made plain his anger that a visit intended to underline Labour's positive attitude towards Europe had been overshadowed by the "extremely foolish" action of the 32 MEPs.

He was heckled by a handful of dissidents as he lectured them on the need for party discipline to win the trust of voters. One of the ringleaders, Alex Falconer, later accused Mr Blair of using "Leninist" language and said he was doing little to encourage healthy debate.

Even as the leader spoke, his supporters in the parliament were organising a counter-attack. Some 36 MEPs had by last night signed a letter to appear in *The Guardian* voicing their support for Mr Blair's reform plans. They included seven identified with the original offending advertisement.

Jeremy Hanley, Conservative chairman, said Mr Blair was behaving like a "spoilt child" as he watched his plans unravelling before his eyes.

Back in London, the Labour leader told his Shadow Cabinet colleagues that they had to show greater discipline if Labour was to be taken seriously as a party of government. He implored them to show more vigilance in 1995 "as we are now being treated as a government in waiting, rather than a party in opposition".

Mr Blair ordered all frontbenchers to check policy statements and adhere to the policy-making process, and to refer public spending and tax questions to Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

He said: "The country is in despair of this Government. In 1995 we must make sure that the desire for Labour is sustained right through to the general election."

Mr Blair told the MEPs in Brussels: "Many party members and many party supporters will be dismayed, as will many others desperate for a Labour government, that our new year offensive was blunted." Insisting that his attempts to change Clause Four were far from being a distraction, he added: "This debate will enrich our party, strengthen it, strengthen its identity and deepen its roots in the communities we wish to serve."

Several MEPs rose to support Mr Blair but those who opposed Clause Four changes were unrepentant and vowed to continue their campaign to prevent Mr Blair updating the 56-word clause. Many were shaken by the force of his language and attack.

Mr Blair had said: "There is no point in mincing words. On Monday we launched a major offensive for change. We wanted maximum publicity for obvious reasons. Until 6pm that was going according to strategy. The next day I was giving a keynote speech on europe which was entirely overshadowed by what I regard as a gross discourtesy. There can be no excuse for the infantile incompetence which has blunted our new year message."

Mr Blair insisted that there were no realistic calls for public utilities to be taken

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MICHAEL EVSTAFIEV



President Dudayev, backed by bodyguards, at his press conference yesterday

Peace in an hour, says Dudayev

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

GENERAL Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, yesterday made his first public appearance for almost two weeks and called for a peaceful settlement to his breakaway region's bloody conflict with Russia.

Fierce street fighting continued in the capital, Grozny, as General Dudayev spoke at a news conference in a western surburb of the besieged city. The clashes took place mostly around the presidential palace, which took several direct hits from Russian artillery.

General Dudayev said that the war could be "solved in one day or one hour" if the will for negotiation existed.

"The Russian people have no grudge against Chechens, and the Chechen people have no grudge against Russians," the former Soviet air force officer said. "There is no basis for that. We are all victims of the foolish policy of people with sick imaginations."

Among the casualties yesterday were six adults killed and five children hurt when their shelter near the presidential palace was shelled.

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Saatchi sets up rival agency with colleagues who resigned

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MAURICE SAATCHI is setting up his own rival advertising agency with help from the three Saatchi & Saatchi executives who resigned earlier this week in protest at his dismissal last month from the agency he formed in 1970.

The three confirmed last night that they would be joining him as partners "at a date to be agreed". They will tentatively be called The New Saatchi Agency while clearance for use of the name is sought from lawyers.

Mr Saatchi said: "Events have moved much more quickly than anyone could have imagined. To avoid any more uncertainty, I have decided to announce the foundation of a new agency."

The three, acting chairman Jeremy Sinclair, Bill Muirhead, head of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising World Wide's North American business, and David Kershaw, its head in Britain, left after accusing the remaining directors of "commercial vandalism".

The company insisted yesterday that the executives would have to work out their contracts, which range from one year to three years in the case of Mr Sinclair.

Further resignations from Saatchi & Saatchi were announced yesterday. Those going are the joint managing directors of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, the London agency, Nick Hurrell and Moray MacLennan, as well as two creative directors there, Simon Dicketts and James Lowther.

A further blow for the agency came from clients. British Airways said its $125 million worth of business was now formally under review and that the contract with Saatchi & Saatchi would end in four months, although the airline did not rule out re-employing the agency.

Dixons Group, the high street retailer, said that its £40 million worth of business a year would be reviewed. John Clare, managing director of Dixons, said the company "looks very unstable. That doesn't leave us in a very happy position."

Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, said the shake-out at Saatchi was one of the worst examples of corporate governance he had seen.

At least one other big Saatchi & Saatchi client has shown unease at the battle being fought over the company's future. Mars, the US confectionery firm that awards $400 million worth of work to the company each year, has also said its account is under review. But the American-owned household goods group Procter & Gamble has said it will keep its business with Saatchi.



Saatchi: announcement to end the uncertainty

Saatchi & Saatchi's share price has plunged since Mr Saatchi was dismissed as chairman on December 16. Having traded at above 150p then, the shares dropped another 4½p to 107½p yesterday.

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Japan barred from VJ-Day

Veterans and Second World War prisoners in the Far East yesterday celebrated as Japan was excluded from August ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Japanese surrender ..... Page 8

£700,000 bill for forged painting

A High Court judge ordered Christie's to pay almost £700,000 to a Swiss art dealer yesterday after ruling that an Egon Schiele painting that she had bought at auction for £500,000 four years ago was a forgery within the meaning of Christie's conditions ... Page 3

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Socialist group threaten to veto Brussels Commission

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union was facing a constitutional crisis yesterday after the socialist majority in the European Parliament threatened to veto Jacques Santer's new European Commission at a vote in Strasbourg next week.

The parliament's threat came after Mr Santer refused to accede to demands from MEPs that he should change some key portfolios inside the European Commission, and followed a series of confirmation hearings last week which in some cases degenerated into farce.

Under the Maastricht Treaty, the parliament can for the first time block the entire Commission, but not individual commissioners. While the two British commissioners, Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, received much acclaim for their performances at the hearings, MEPs criticised sharply the competence and commitment of several other nominees, especially those from Scandinavia.

Erkki Liikanen of Finland was criticised for not answering questions, while Ritt Bjerregaard, of Denmark, and Sweden's Anita Gradin were attacked for not having done their homework.

MEPs were particularly critical of Padraig Flynn, the Irish social affairs commissioner, for not paying sufficient attention to equal rights for women.

Parliamentary leaders yesterday met Mr Santer in a heated session that lasted several hours longer than planned. Pauline Greene, the British Labour MEP and leader of the European socialists, said: "My understanding is that Mr Santer is not prepared to move on the demands. If there is no response, it will be

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Greene: "Mr Santer will not move on demands"

'The jackal' clinches £½m deal for Amis

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH AND KATHERINE BERGEN

ONE OF the publishing world's most bitter and protracted auctions finally ended last night when Martin Amis clinched a two-book deal with HarperCollins for a sum in the region of £500,000.

The deal for his new novel *The Information* and a collection of short stories was struck after weeks of wrangling during which Amis set aside his agent, Pat Kavanagh, and hired Andrew Wylie, the American nicknamed "the jackal."

The author made it known that he wanted £500,000 for the third novel in a trilogy, but his publisher Jonathan Cape could not meet this demand. A number of publishing houses became involved in an auction which seemed to reach a stalemate last week. It was then that Amis brought in Mr Wylie.

Malcolm Edwards, fiction publishing director at HarperCollins, said last night that the negotiations, in which he was involved, had been "civilised and straightforward", but he refused to comment on the sums involved. "We have done very careful projections of sales and revenue," he said. "It's certainly not a loss leader. We expect to make money out of it, and we will be publishing in May."

Amis said last night: "The discussion of the sale of my book has been a distraction and of course I am sorry to be leaving Jonathan Cape, but I am pleased to be joining HarperCollins."

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Eton chaplain condemns 'socialist' C of E

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE senior chaplain at Eton has condemned the Church of England as politically correct, left-wing and sectarian.

In an analysis to be published in an insert in 100,000 parish magazines next month, the Rev John Witheridge, Conduct of Eton College, says that the church has become "increasingly divided into the sectarian and the socialist". He adds: "Women's rights, gay rights, black rights, bias to the poor; you name it, the church has suppported it until Christian theology has begun to sound like sociology, and priests like social workers."

While Eton might be confined to those of a certain background, the college is not "religiously" exclusive, he says. "It is not a Christian sect, like so many parishes. The chaplains at Eton minister not just to Christians but to the whole community." Mr Witheridge condemns particularly those parishes that operate "exclusive policies" for baptisms, marriages and even funerals. "If you are not a regular worshipper, if (in other words) you are not a card-carrying member of the club, you are not welcome to take advantage of these rites of passage."

He accuses other parishes of a swing to the opposite pole, where they adopt any promising item on the secular agenda, such as the family, to try to seem relevant. "Family services and family events have come to dominate so much of parish life that you could be mistaken for thinking that Christianity and the human family are barely distinguishable. If you happen to be single, childless, divorced or widowed, you can easily be made to feel excluded from the gospel."

The chaplain adds: "Although I won't be any more popular for saying so, what we do at Eton is of enormous strategic importance. Whether people like it or not, many of the boys we teach and care for will go on to hold highly responsible positions in society. If they can take with them at least some real understanding and regard for Christian beliefs and values, the service we are doing for the next generation is incalculable."



Witheridge: "Priests are like social workers"

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Howard braces for defeat in crime compensation appeal


Howard: stout defence

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL HOWARD has told his Cabinet colleagues that he will have to bring in emergency legislation if he fails in his appeal to the House of Lords next month over the scheme he introduced last year to provide compensation for the victims of serious crime.

The Home Secretary would have to act to prevent a "continuing drain on our finances", according to a Whitehall document leaked last night. He admits that the new, less generous, scheme is saving the Government about £85 million a year. Mr Howard appears to accept in his letter that the measure might prove difficult to push through.

In a confidential letter to key Cabinet ministers, the Home Secretary discloses that the Government has been told by its legal advisers that the odds of it winning its appeal to the Lords are about evens. It is trying to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that Mr Howard had acted unlawfully in bringing in the new system of flat-rate tariffs to compensate victims. The new contingency legislation proposed by Mr Howard in his leaked letter would put the tariff scheme on a statutory footing.

The Home Secretary had been accused by political opponents of showing contempt towards the victims of crime. He says that his preference — "if we could carry Parliament with us" — would be for a "broad enabling power", leaving the detail of the scheme to be set by regulation or order.

The Court of Appeal found that Mr Howard had abused his powers by introducing the system without referring it to Parliament. Since the judgment, the new scheme has continued to operate pending an appeal.

In his letter Mr Howard wrote of the "serious implications" if the appeal goes against him. He says that if the judgment were to coincide with the end of the 1995-96 financial year, some 70,000 applications would have to be looked at afresh, creating immense administrative difficulties. However, the financial problems would be even more serious. Mr Howard admits that the extra cost of the old scheme, compared with his new tariffs, is about £7 million a month: so the cost of reinstating it would be some £85 million.

Mr Howard writes: "We shall present a vigorous case to the House of Lords and are hopeful that we will win the case on its merits. But if we do not, then we shall need to take remedial action very quickly and aim to get correcting legislation on the statute book before the summer recess."

The Court of Appeal ruling was one of a series of blows to Mr Howard in recent months: since Christmas the escape from Parkhurst Prison and death of Frederick West, the accused mass-murderer, in custody has added to his troubles.

The Court of Appeal judgment was a victory for the Trades Union Congress and ten individual unions and staff associations representing firefighters, teachers, nurses, prison officers and others who face the threat of violence at work. They claimed the Home Secretary was under an obligation to bring into force the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 which were intended to put the old compensation scheme on a statutory basis.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, said that while the 1988 provisions remained in force Mr Howard had not been legally free to exercise prerogative powers to set up a new scheme.

In the leaked letter Mr Howard advises colleagues against clawing back money from victims whose payments under the tariff scheme are higher than they would have been under the old scheme. While there is a presumption that overpayments should be recovered, he says, departments may waive recovery where there are exceptional circumstances. Such reasons would apply in this case, he says.

Ministerial principles 'made up on hoof'

The Home Secretary has been accused of making up constitutional principles on the hoof in an attempt to pass on blame for his department's failures to others. In a letter to *The Times* today Elizabeth Symons, general secretary of the First Division Association, says that Michael Howard "has no constitutional authority" for his claim that ministers are responsible for policy issues not operational matters. Ms Symons accuses him of "deliberately ignoring his own instructions as a minister or [of being] ignorant of them". **Letters, page 19**

Lord Chancellor challenges belief that courts are best way to solve disputes

Mackay proposes wide reforms to cut legal aid costs

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for a sweeping overhaul of the £1.3 billion legal aid scheme that would place law firms and advice agencies on fixed contracts within NHS-style cash limits were unveiled by the Lord Chancellor yesterday.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern outlined proposals for scrapping the present demand-led scheme set up in 1949 as one of the linchpins of the welfare state. He also wants to break the principle underpinning legal aid that lawyers and the courts are the best way of settling problems.

At the moment, "access to justice becomes co-terminous with access to lawyers," Lord Mackay said. Instead, people must be encouraged to make more use of other sources of help, such as law centres, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, mediation and arbitration services, he said.

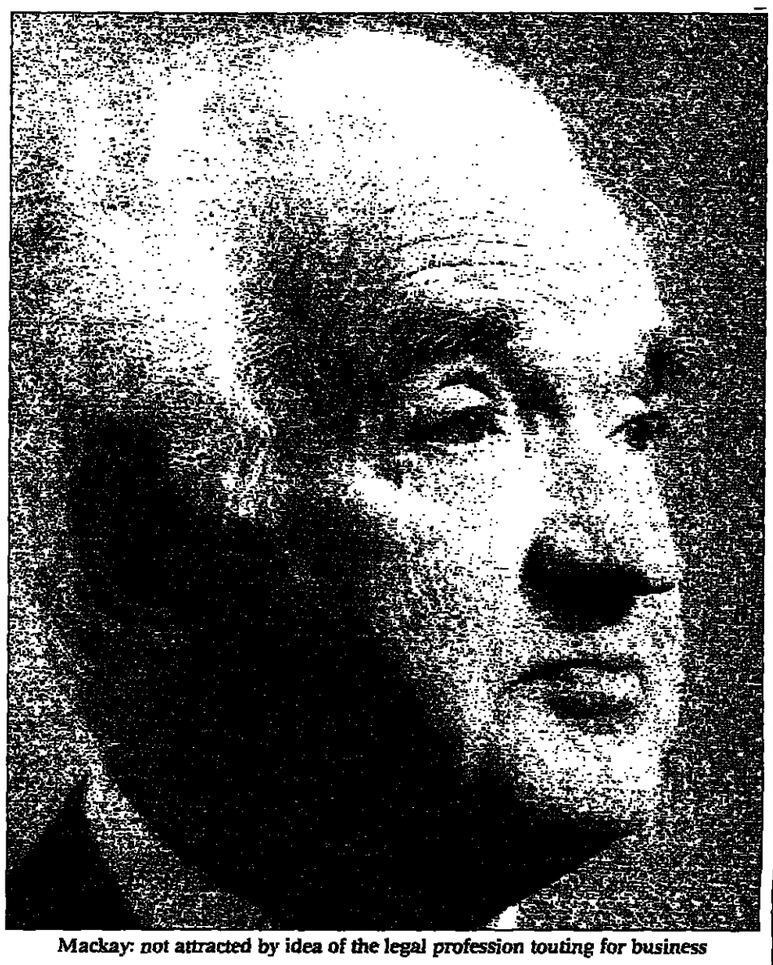
"I am not attracted by the idea that the legal profession should have carte blanche to tout for business, particularly under the green form scheme [advice on legal aid], simply as a means of increasing turnover rather than as a means of meeting genuine and identified need."

Under the proposals, law firms and advice agencies would be awarded contracts to undertake blocks of work in their parts of the country within fixed budgets, rather than being paid case by case. Contracts might be granted to individual law firms, or to a law firm linked with another or with advice centres, mediation or arbitration services, providing people with a "one-stop shop" in legal services.

Lord Mackay said that costs of legal aid had doubled since 1990 and were reaching the limit of what could be afforded. "The writing is on the wall. The growth in legal aid expenditure must be curbed." There was little in the legal aid scheme to encourage quality and efficiency; and it was rigid, channelling money to settling disputes in the courts when cheaper ways such as mediation might be used, he said. The scheme was "also increasingly under attack from a variety of directions", he added. There were criticisms over legal aid going to the apparently wealthy, but the scheme also came under attack for failing to help all who needed it.

The Lord Chancellor was delivering a keynote speech at a seminar organised in London by the Social Market Foundation, the centre-right think-tank, which foreshadows a Green Paper he will publish by late Spring. His speech was aimed at fuelling debate rather than laying down policy. But he said that with legal aid having many enemies and few friends, the status quo could no longer be an option.

"The legal aid scheme as it exists today is not living up to the demands being placed upon it. There must be change," he said. "If anything, the present system makes it possible to create and exploit demand in ways which may not always be in the best interests either of the legal aid scheme or indeed of the clients concerned."


Mackay: not attracted by idea of the legal profession touting for business

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tesco plans to buy only British veal

Tesco is to stop buying Dutch veal because of the outcry over the export of British calves to the Continent. The supermarket chain hopes to obtain veal from the dairy farm owned by William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister. He was criticised for allowing his calves to be raised abroad. Marks and Spencer is the only major high street store still buying veal abroad.

While animal rights protesters have picketed Shoreham without halting livestock exports, and a group demonstrated yesterday at Swansea airport, from which Welsh farmers hope to export calves, up to 16 lorry loads of animals have been sailing nightly from Plymouth and a service from Brightlingsea in Essex is being planned.

Council limit lifted

The Government has announced the scrapping of the ceiling on allowances paid to councillors in England and Wales from April 1. David Curry, local government minister, disclosed he is to end curbs on the total amount councils can spend on payments to members. There will be no extra Whitehall cash. **Tories snubbed, page 10**

Oxford rent protest

Students accused Pembroke College, Oxford, yesterday of planning a return to the era of *Brideshead Revisited* with a 20 per cent rise on the annual £2,000 rent. Brian Schofield, junior common room president, said the college would become an upper-class preserve even if that meant being second-rate academically. **Oxbridge unites, page 5**

New vaccine centre

A major boost to British vaccine research was announced yesterday. A new institute, to be called the Edward Jenner Institute for Vaccine Research and funded by industry and government, is to be established at Compton in Berkshire to expand research into vaccines against human disease. Glaxo has promised £10 million to build the centre.

University pay-off cut

A £412,000 severance package for the outgoing vice-chancellor of Huddersfield University is to be cut by more than half. Professor Kenneth Durrands will retire at the end of this month. The Higher Education Funding Council for England blocked the original settlement last year but officials are understood to have cleared a £150,000 deal.

Belfast bomb found

Shoppers were evacuated from a branch of Woolworth's in central Belfast after an incendiary device was discovered in the shop. Army bomb experts dealt with the device, which contained some form of liquid and had been left at the store recently. The device, which was said to be crude and amateurish, was capable of igniting.

Parachute ruling

Tatiana Pond, 27, a barrister who died when she landed on the propeller of a taxiing aircraft at Headcorn Parachute club in Kent, was held to be 50 per cent to blame for her death by a High Court judge. David Parker, her fiancé and owner of the club, had sought compensation from Miss Pond's estate for damage to the aircraft.

Au pair death arrest

Police hunting the killer of Suschita Jungblut, the Swiss au pair beaten to death in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, have arrested a man from Luton. Detectives are still trying to trace the hundreds of people who were at a nightclub near where the 23-year-old au pair's partially clothed body was found on Sunday morning.

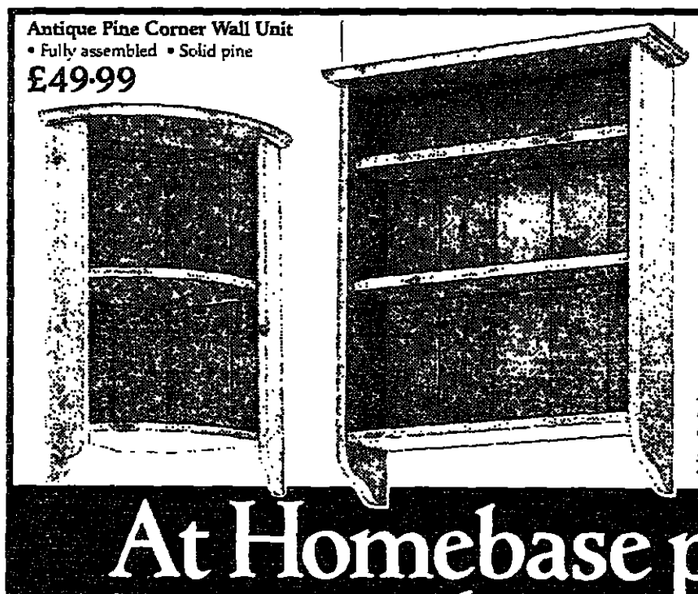
Island musical closes

The West End musical *Once On This Island* is to close at the end of January after four months because of disappointing ticket sales. The Caribbean-style show had been a hit on Broadway, but the co-producer said it had been difficult to compete with long-running and well-known shows in London.

17 held in police raids

Police investigating protection rackets and violence in Merseyside's clubland raided more than 30 homes and businesses. Seventeen people were arrested during searches at homes in Merseyside, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Northumberland and two nightclubs. Police seized guns, drugs and £20,000 in cash.

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difficult to get a positive vote next week. With 221 votes behind me, I am seriously worried for his nomination."

Klaus Hänsch, President of the European Parliament, said: "It can't be taken for granted that we will simply rubber-stamp the Commission. President Santer is expected to ... meet the demands that come from the parliament."

Mr Santer must now decide whether to risk a parliamentary "no" vote on Wednesday or allow members to undermine his authority. Parliamentary sources indicated that Mrs Greene's comments may have understated the strength of feeling among MEPs and that a "no" vote was a serious possibility.

Mrs Greene emphasised that the parliament's criticism did not relate to the entire Commission, but to a minority of commissioners and portfolios. She said MEPs would have blocked the nominations of two commissioners if they had the power to do so. They are believed to be Mr Flynn and Mrs Bjerregaard, whose hearing was described as a disaster because she refused to give details of what policies she intended to enact, which was the whole purpose of the meeting.

If parliament did exercise its veto, the present caretaker administration set up by Jacques Delors, the former President, would remain in office until a new Commission were formally approved. As a result of a ruling by the Commission's own legal service, however, the caretaker group can deal only with emergencies, so the EU would be effectively out of operation during any such period.

At its maiden session last July, the parliament nearly vetoed Mr Santer's own nomination. He was approved only after Spanish socialist MEPs abstained.

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Sir Nicholas Scott

Sir Nicholas Scott, Conservative MP for Chelsea, asks us to point out that, contrary to a report (January 4), he intends to seek adoption for any enlarged Chelsea seat at the next general election. We apologise for the error.

Tory move

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back into public ownership and he ridiculed the argument that Clause Four should remain in its present form but with new wording appended.

After the meeting several MEPs praised Mr Blair's combative stance, during which he pointed to the work of his predecessors, Neil Kinnock and John Smith, that had brought the party "off its knees". Although MEPs said Mr Blair was calm during delivery of his speech, Glenys Kinnock, MEP for South Wales East, left the meeting saying that he was "extremely angry at the way it was planned that maximum embarrassment was caused".

Wayne David, the leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party and MEP for South Wales Central, said that Mr Blair had made perfectly clear that he would not tolerate the type of open dissent such as was shown by the MEPs who placed their advertisement on the front page of Tuesday's *Guardian*. "I hope members have learnt from the mistake of placing the advertisement."

Leaders of the dissident MEPs were unrepentant. Mr Falconer, MEP for Mid-Scotland and Fife, denied that he and fellow members had been discourteous or infantile. "This is a healthy and progressive discussion in which no socialist should have anything to fear and from which the whole of Britain has a great deal to gain."

He warned Mr Blair that the campaign would continue until the special conference in April, which will decide on changes to Clause Four. "Once I start a campaign I do not stop," Mr Falconer added.

After the meeting Mr Blair said that it was important that he spoke bluntly about his views on an issue which he regarded as crucial to the future of the party. He was also adamant that the party had to be disciplined to win public support.

"I care about the Labour Party winning the next election. Our politics have got to be competent. We have got to be disciplined and we have got to be setting out for the British people the reasons why they can trust us to govern this country."

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Christie's ordered to repay £700,000 for sale of forgery

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A HIGH Court judge ordered Christie's to pay almost £700,000 to a wealthy Swiss art dealer yesterday for a painting by Egon Schiele that she had bought at auction for £500,000 four years ago. He ruled that it was a forgery within the meaning of Christie's conditions.

Mr Justice Morison said that Marie Zelinger de Balkany was entitled to a refund with interest on *Youth Kneeling Before God The Father* by Schiele (1890-1918), the Austrian Expressionist deeply inspired by Freudian psychology and best-known for his erotic imagery.

She bought it in Geneva in June, 1987, but the judge ordered Christie's to refund the money and the £57,500 buyer's premium, plus interest of more than £130,000. The firm is also faced with legal costs unofficially estimated at £100,000.

Mme de Balkany told the court that she had been "head over heels in love" with the painting until, four years later, she read a book that expressed doubt on its authenticity. Mme de Balkany recalled feeling "physically sick" and left "wondering what I had been sold".

She sent the painting to experts who declared it a forgery. The judge agreed that the signature was a forgery and "done with intent to deceive". A Christie's spokeswoman said: "We are disappointed, but are consulting counsel as to further action."

The case focused on whether the painting, including the initials "E S", had been so heavily overpainted by a restorer that little if any of the master's hand was visible. The catalogue described it as both painted and signed by him.

The judge concluded that it was only in the style of Schiele and that "someone had dressed it up to be a painting by Schiele". He added: "What Mme de Balkany bought was a painting that was almost wholly made by an unknown person. It seems to me probable that the overpainter did not want it to be known that he had overpainted the picture to the extent he had."

He said: "What makes all the difference, as it seems to me, is the fact that this overpainter did seek to deceive people into thinking that what he had done had been done by Schiele."

Christie's argued that no amount of overpainting could make the painting a forgery if the overpainter followed the design of the original artist. To be a forgery, the painting had to pretend to be a Schiele when it was not.

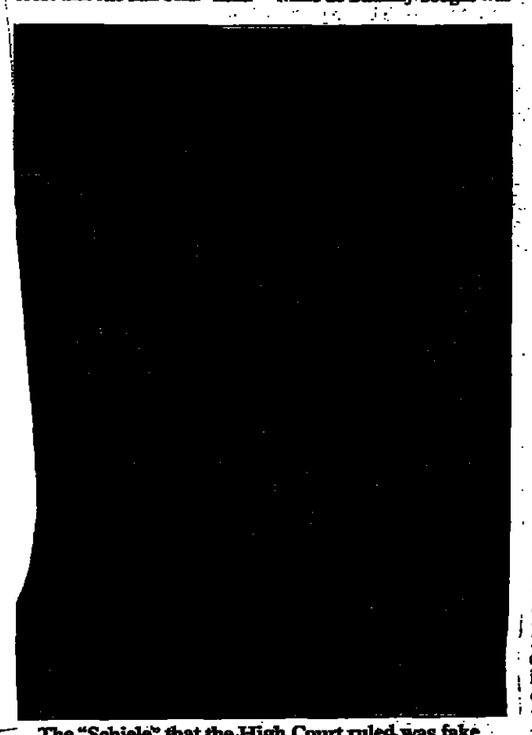
The auctioneers have the support of Serge Sabarsky, a retired dealer in German and Austrian art who is one of the world's three leading Schiele scholars. Asked whether he still believed that the painting was genuine, he said: "I don't believe, I *know*. I have looked at Schiele for 50 years. It's a genuine Schiele, an original painting by Schiele that has been heavily over-restored and overpainted."

Mme de Balkany, who was not in court, said: "I am very pleased with the outcome. I am only sorry that Christie's felt it necessary to fight the action all the way to court."

She added: "It came as a surprise to me that Christie's argued that they owe no legal responsibility to customers who rely on the opinions that they express in their catalogues. I am sure there are many other customers who will find this contention difficult to accept."

Sotheby's is also facing legal action over a Schiele and both cases could have major implications for the wording of catalogue entries.

The Sotheby's case concerns a watercolour of a crouching woman that was sold in 1983 to a London lawyer. According to *The Art Newspaper*, Sotheby's reproduced edited comments by Dr. Rudolph Leopold, another eminent Schiele scholar, but it is alleged that the catalogue omitted his doubts that certain features of the drawing were by the artist.



The "Schiele" that the High Court ruled was fake



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Clare Latimer leaving the High Court after the residents' victory

Residents defeat parking permits as 'wealth tax'

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

RESIDENTS of an affluent area have won a *High Court* battle to prevent the council charging them for parking permits, which they said were effectively a "tax on the rich".

Camden Council wanted to create a controlled residents' parking zone in Primrose Hill, north London. Although half of Camden already has such zones and other London boroughs operate similar schemes, the move aroused strong feelings among the 3,000-strong community.

Ten residents, including *the former Downing Street* caterer Clare Latimer, took the council to court claiming the scheme, which would have cost each motorist £82 a year, was illegal and was intended as a tax on wealthy householders.

They said the council's motivation came more from its desire to raise money rather than to improve parking, and argued that they would effectively be paying a levy to subsidise the council's social services budget and concessionary travel fares.

Yesterday Mr Justice **McCullough ruled that the council had not conducted "fair and effective" consultation with residents' groups and said the scheme should be considered afresh. The authority was not legally entitled to use parking orders to raise revenue generally, the judge said. Ms Latimer said she was delighted by the outcome. "We do want a parking scheme but not the one Camden Council proposed.**

"The business people and residents of Primrose Hill would have been penalised by this scheme and I would have had to move because of the cost," he said.

The council was ordered to **pay 75 per cent of the residents' legal costs, unofficially estimated at about £25,000. Brian Woodrow, vice-chair of Camden Council's environment committee, said: "Local authorities generally have a very difficult task in dealing with the problems of parking."**



Woodrow: parking a difficult subject

Girl, 13, abducted by sex attacker with baby in car

BY KATE ALDERSON

DETECTIVES are searching for a sex attacker who abducted a teenage girl and tried to strangle her while he had a baby strapped into the back of his car.

The 13-year-old girl was grabbed from her bicycle, forced into the boot of the car, taken to a house and subjected to a 4½-hour ordeal. Police said yesterday that they were concerned for the safety of the baby. They feared that the attacker may strike again.

The girl, from Merseyside, has described how the man drove the car for about an hour across rough roads, stopped to open a gate, then drove on to a gravel area near the house. The girl was carried into a kitchen with a shiny wooden block floor and fitted units with antique metal handles. She was taken to a bedroom, past a white baby gate at the top of the stairs, and assaulted. She remembers a double bed with cream sheets and a cream flowered duvet. Police believe the baby, who had white-blond hair and was between six months and a year old, remained in the car during the attack. The girl was abandoned near the M56 Altrincham interchange. A lorry driver found her and took her to a service station. She suffered severe injuries.

Police describe the attacker as 5ft 10in tall, stocky and clean-shaven, with a local accent and dark brown, short, gelled-back hair. His car is believed to be a five-door Vauxhall Cavalier hatchback.

Detective Inspector Neil Johnson, who is leading the inquiry, said: "I find it astonishing that someone could do this while looking after a child."



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Play shuts as actor heads west

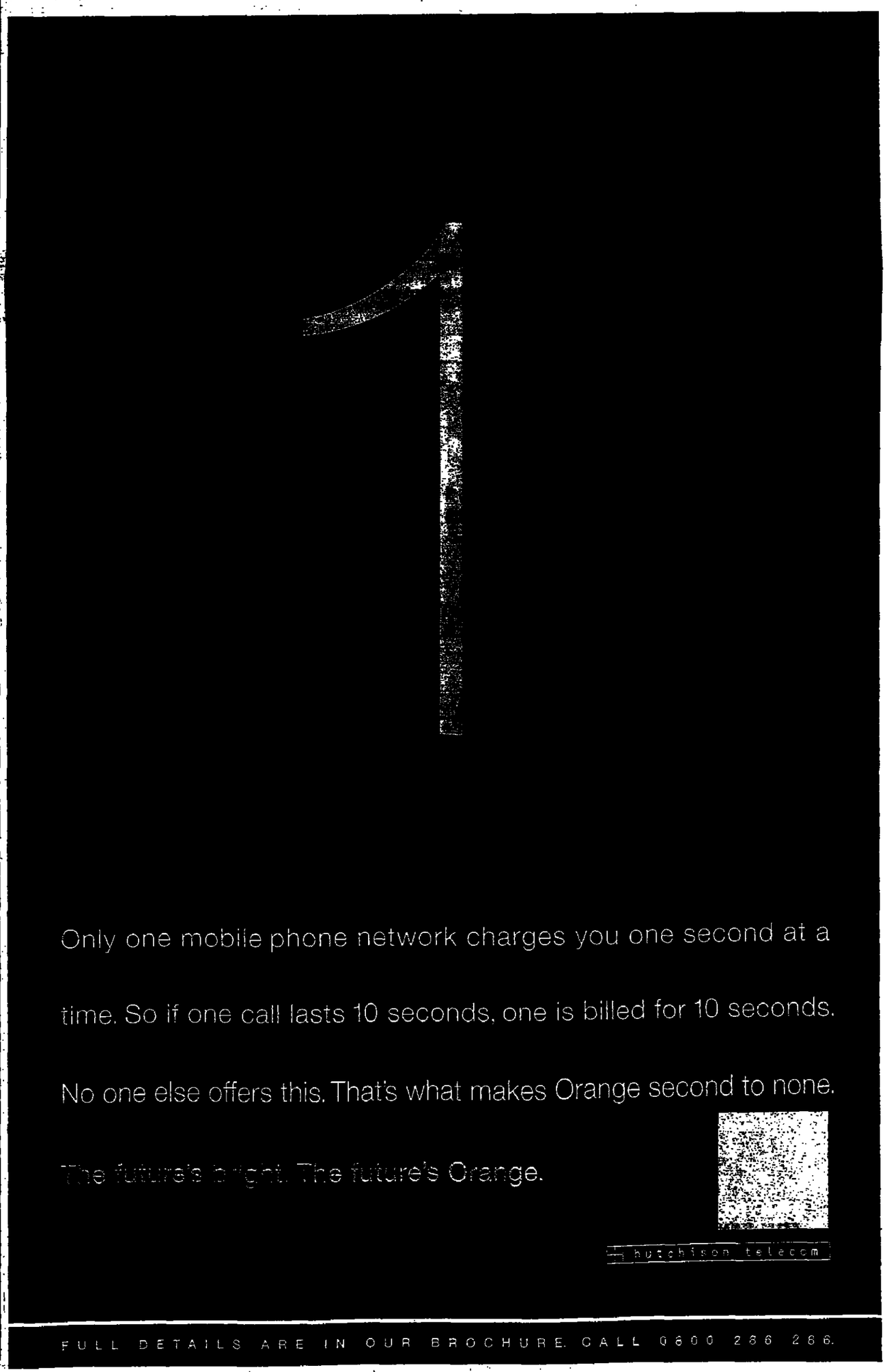
A HIT West End play is closing for two days next week at a cost of £20,000 so that its star, Nigel Hawthorne, can promote his film *The Madness of King George*.

The film-maker Sam Goldwyn is to compensate the producers of *The Clandestine Marriage* for lost revenue while Hawthorne heads a publicity drive in America.

In the film Hawthorne repeats his acclaimed role as a deranged monarch preyed upon by doctors, first seen at the National Theatre three years ago. The film has not yet opened in Britain but has been well received in America and Hawthorne is being tipped as a nominee for the best actor Oscar.

Performances of *The Clandestine Marriage* at Queen's Theatre are being cancelled on Monday and Tuesday while Hawthorne, 65, dashes to New York. An intensive publicity campaign in the US media is regarded as essential if Hawthorne is to stand a chance in the Oscars.

The actor co-stars with Helen Mirren and Rupert Everett in the film, which is directed by Nicholas Hytner.



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Oxbridge unites to challenge club that shuns women

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND BEN PRESTON

THE heads of Oxford and Cambridge colleges are uniting behind an unprecedented legal challenge against the historic London club which bears their name in protest at its treatment of women.

Legal advice is being sought after the failure of a protest letter by the college principals to force the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club to grant women full membership. Senior university officials are threatening to challenge the club's right to use the universities' crests.

Further resignations are expected to follow that of David Butler, the political scientist, who disclosed in *The Times* yesterday that after 43 years he was leaving the club that his great-grandfather had helped to found in 1817.

The Pall Mall club's refusal to acknowledge the clamour for change within academic circles has been a source of increasing irritation for several years. One senior academic said yesterday: "The universities are being brought into increasing disrepute by their association with such a chauvinist institution."

However, reformers fear that the old guard at the club will "dig in their heels" after the resignation of Dr Butler, a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. One senior member said yesterday that possible concessions to women might be withdrawn as part of a backlash against his decision to go public.

Women are allowed to enter certain parts of the building as guests or associate members only. The club's committee is discussing proposals to open the marble staircase, library and members' bar. The senior member said: "The committee might now decide that it cannot appear to give in as a result of one don."

Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, the Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, warned the club to move into the 20th century. He said: "I will have to review my own position as a member. The position of the club has become untenable.

"The club has been an admirable institution but it is a pity it has fallen into bad ways. This has been discussed by many heads of house. It's clear that the majority think the position is unacceptable."

The debate about allowing women to become full members has become increasingly acrimonious. A ballot of the 3,682 members in September 1993 ended in rancour after the pro-women lobby failed narrowly in spite of gaining 1,853 votes against 575. Supporters of the status quo changed the procedures to require that a majority of paid-up members vote for change, which reformers claim makes the target almost impossible.

But yesterday a member of 44 years' standing rejected the claim that the club committee was impervious to the will of members. Abstainers were in effect voting no, he said. The member, a former civil servant who did not want to be named, said: "If members find it more pleasurable to have a single-sex atmosphere, then why should they change? If you like to drink lemonade, why should you have to drink orangeade?"

Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, who resigned 14 months ago after being given honorary associate member status as a college head, said: "Women are not welcome and there is an atmosphere of distaste and exclusion. But the real problem is this club is exploiting its association with two universities that have been co-educational for decades."

Gordon Buchanan, secretary of the university club, said: "The goings on of this club are private." Gerald Bowden, the club chairman and former Tory MP for Dulwich, was unavailable for comment.

Members drag feet on path to equality

BY ANDREW PIERCE

LONDON'S clubland has been resisting pressure to lower the banner of male chauvinism and allow women members for years. One of the oldest clubs, the Garrick, founded in 1831, had the most celebrated challenge to its men-only rule in July 1992. Derek Nimmo, the actor, a member for 23 years, led the successful rearguard action.

He said yesterday: "It is a gentlemen's club formed for actors and men of education to meet on equal terms, not for ladies. There have been hen clubs but they foundered because women don't like each other's company."

The Travellers' Club, formed in 1819, also excludes women members. However, women from reciprocal clubs are allowed in but barred from the Smoking Room and Cocktail Bar.

The Savile Club, established in 1868, is similarly opposed to women. It has regularly defied the march of progress. For some 20 years after the invention of the telephone members resolutely refused to have one installed. Women guests are not advised to enter the Morning Room when "gentlemen" are reading.

The Reform Club, established in 1836, and where Phileas Fogg, Jules Verne's fictitious traveller, stopped off during his epic voyage around the world, is one of the few in St James's to allow women to join. For the past decade they have been admitted on equal terms.

Boodles, London's second oldest club, whose members include the Prince of Wales, briefly flirted with women, but it was reported last week that the experiment to allow them into the saloon for midweek dinner parties had been cancelled. Brooks's, established in 1764, also resists the lure of women. They are admitted only after 6pm.



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Dawn Jones, wife of Colin Jones, who spotted the fugitives, speaks out yesterday

Parkhurst staff in walkout over jail transfers

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT



Colin Jones: transfer

PRISON officers and other staff at Parkhurst jail walked out yesterday in protest at the removal of the governor and six officers after the escape of three men.

More than 120 officers and staff spent thirty minutes outside the jail at lunchtime while assurances were sought that their strong feelings would be passed to Michael Howard.

Terry McLaren, a member of the national executive of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "They asked me to speak to Mr Robin Walker [acting governor] to relay their anger at what had happened, in particular to the five prison officer colleagues who were blamed in the Commons on Tuesday over the escape. They felt the individuals were being made scapegoats and didn't think the prison had been dealt with fairly."

The walkout occurred as prison governors were considering a legal challenge to the decision to remove John Marriott as head of Parkhurst after the escape by two murderers and an arsonist.

A meeting of the Prison Governors' Association (PGA) executive today will look at whether the association should launch judicial review proceedings against the decision, which has provoked dismay among governors in 133 jails. Leaders of the PGA say the decision to order Mr Marriott to non-operational duties breaches the Prison Service's procedures and has prejudiced the outcome of any further inquiries.

Mr Marriott and other governors are particularly furious at the language used by Mr Howard in the Commons.

Colin Jones, 28, one of the prison officers to be transferred and the man who gave police the vital information that led to the recapture of the three escapers, is devastated by the decision, according to his wife Dawn. She condemned the way in which he had been treated.

☐ Four prison officers at the medium-security Bullingdon jail, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, needed hospital treatment yesterday after being attacked by inmates angry over a security clampdown.

Woman pilot 'endured relentless harassment'

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE only woman pilot in an airline was singled out for a campaign of sexual harassment by male colleagues who turned her job into a "living nightmare" before she was eventually sacked, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Sandra Valentine, 36, who had funded her own training, was one of 178 pilots flying for Airtours. Soon after starting work at Birmingham airport in August 1992 she was picked on by chauvinistic colleagues, it was claimed. The tribunal in Birmingham heard that Ms Valentine endured propositions and insults from airline staff in front of passengers. She was also sent pornography.

Ms Valentine, from Knowle, near Solihull, told the tribunal that her chief pilot made suggestive remarks to her while they were away on a training course shortly after she joined the company.

"He asked if I was pleased to be based in Birmingham and then told me it wasn't convenient for him as he was a married man and it would have been easier for him to see me if I had been in Manchester," she said.

She claimed he then said he did not want her all to himself but would give her as a surprise Christmas present to one of his friends.

Jane McNeill, for Ms Valentine, who is claiming sexual discrimination against Airtours and the chief pilot, said her client had initially complained about her treatment but when nothing was done became "far too wary of being branded a whinger so she kept silent and just got on with her job as best as she could".

Mrs McNeill said: "During the course of her employment, from beginning to end, she was subjected to a relentless onslaught of sexual harassment and discrimination, culminating in her dismissal on December 2, 1993. She said that Ms Valentine was sacked after a "false and biased report by a senior pilot led her to fail her twice-yearly piloting check". "The report was deliberatley false and so biased as to give a wholly misleading impression of her flying abilities. No man would have been dismissed for such a failure."

Ms Valentine has been unemployed since she lost her job. The hearing continues.



Valentine: lone woman

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Soldier mistook officer for target in night exercise

BY EMMA WILKINS

A PARATROOPER who fatally wounded an officer during a mock battle had thought he was firing at a target, an inquest was told yesterday.

Lance Corporal Jonathan Scrivener fired two bursts of 15 rounds from his semi-automatic rifle, hitting Captain Christopher Kelly, 26, in the chest. Captain Kelly, of the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, died a month later in Guy's Hospital, London.

His parents, Suzanne and Denis, who are considering legal action against the Ministry of Defence over their son's death, attended the hearing at Southwark Coroner's Court with their sons, Paul, 28, and David, 22.

Mrs Kelly wept as Lance Corporal Scrivener, who was then a private, told the inquest: "I looked in my sight for a couple of seconds and I thought I saw one target next to a tree. Unless you are briefed otherwise, you are told there will be nothing out there friendly. Everything needs to be taken out. Immediately after I fired the rounds, I went to put in a fresh magazine but I didn't have one. I then heard screams of 'Stop. Stop.' "

Corporal Michael Whordley, the safety officer responsible for Lance Corporal Scrivener during the night exercise in Kenya, said the rules had been correctly followed. Just seconds before his death Captain Kelly had requested a ceasefire over his radio when he saw the green marker lights of armed troops directly in front of his eight-man anti-tank unit. "Almost at the same time as he [Scrivener] was firing, the message came across: 'Stop, be aware — anti-tanks to the front,' " Corporal Whordley told the inquest. "As he fired, I realised what he had fired at. Looking back, I thought it was odd that he had established the target so quickly."

Two other soldiers were seriously injured in the incident. Lance Corporal Alan Williams, who was shot in the hand and lost two fingers, told the inquest that bullets had ricocheted off his rifle after Captain Kelly had ordered him to lie on the ground. "The firing went on for a second or two. I could hear a lot of people shouting stop. I could hear people shouting that Captain Kelly had been hit and that was when I got hit," he said.

The inquest was adjourned until today.



Kelly: died a month after being shot

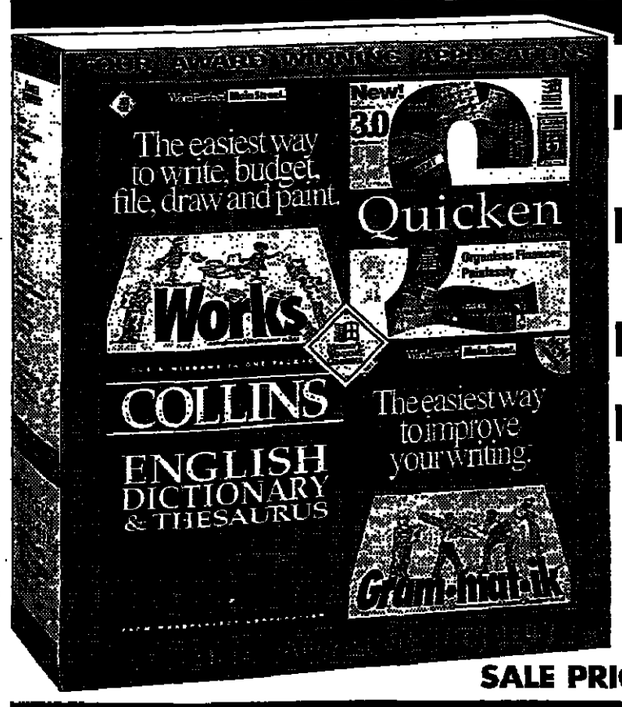
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Yesterday a court heard how an 11-year-old girl fell through the safety net even though she suffered 14 months of rape and other sexual abuse.

Fifteen times she rang the Childline number and each time she only got through to an answering machine.

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But that all costs money and Childline just does not have enough.

The Government cannot allow this tragic situation to continue. There can be no better use for taxpayers' money than helping abused children.

It must find the cash that Childline requires to open all the lines it needs. If it refuses, then the lottery organisers should shame it by providing funds.

It is bad enough that children suffer. Worse still that they suffer more for Childline's want of money.

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Childline too busy for raped girl

By Lucy Berrington

A PAEDOPHILE was jailed for eight years yesterday after his victim described how she suffered abuse for more than a year because she had been able, on 15 occasions, to get through only to the answering machine of the charity helpline, Childline. The abuse of the girl, 11, was discovered after she wrote a "letter" to herself which was found by a family friend, who told the girl's father.

The girl had written: "I have tried phoning Childline but it is always on the answering machine," Winchester Crown Court was told. "My mother doesn't believe me. I have decided to write it down."

David Woodnutt, 34, of Totton, Southampton, admitted rape, attempted buggery and two offences of indecent assault on the girl between March 1993 and May 1994.

A spokeswoman for Childline, said the charity, which was "heartbroken about the case" received 10,000 calls a day but had resources to answer only 3,000.

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Agony of ChildLine girl crying out to be heard

By TRACEY HARRISON

ESTHER Rantzen admitted last night that only three out of every ten calls to ChildLine are answered.

She was defending the helpline she launched after it emerged that a young sex abuse victim failed to get through 15 times.

The 11-year-old girl gave up in despair after getting the answer machine message every time she phoned. Meanwhile, the horrific assaults on her continued.

Last night, after the man who subjected the girl to a 14-month ordeal was jailed for eight years, Miss Rantzen acknowledged that the tragic case highlighted the charity's failure to reach every child crying out for help, despite an annual income of £4million.

'I am desperately upset that we were not able to help this little girl,' she said. 'I am so sorry she was unable to reach our counsellors. It is a haunting image.'

She said a lack of funds limited the charity's work. Of 10,000 calls each day, only 3,000 were answered — although this was an improvement on the early days, when only one in ten got through.

The girl turned to ChildLine while being abused by unemployed David Woodnutt, Winchester Crown Court heard yesterday. But each time she heard only the answer machine urging youngsters to keep trying to get through.

Her mother did not believe her complaints and, in her misery, the girl wrote a heartbreaking note to herself, which was read out in court.

It said: 'I'm scared, because I'm being sexually abused. I have tried phoning ChildLine but it is always on the answering machine.

'My mother doesn't believe me. I have tried to get the man out of my head and have decided to write it down. I have tried the ChildLine number 15 times. I have been counting.'

Anthony Davies, prosecuting, said the girl's ordeal came to light when a family friend found her note and told her father.

He took her for a walk and she told him the whole story. The girl told police that Woodnutt, 34, had abused her over 14 months.

Woodnutt, of Stanley Road, Totton, Southampton, admitted rape, an attempted serious sexual offence and two charges of indecent assault.

Isolated

Christopher Wing, defending, said he was a 'solitary and isolated man with no friends. He had suffered manic depression.'

Judge Michael Broderick told Woodnutt: 'These offences are serious. I cannot give you credit for your plea of guilty because it was so late in the day. Since November last year this little girl of tender years has been steeling herself to give evidence.'

Miss Rantzen added: 'We are only too aware that there are desperate children who might be trying to get through and can't.

'We are expanding as fast as we can and cases like this drive us on. But it is a matter of what we can afford to do.

'If children cannot get through they can write to us at our Freepost address. If they give us a confidential address we will write back. Our counsellors can, and do, write back.

'We think we have to be three times the size we are now for all the children who need us to be able to get through. That is our ambition.'

Another spokesman for the charity said: 'We would certainly hope that it was unusual for any child to ring 15 times without success.

'But certain times of the day, such as after school and early evening, are particularly busy.'

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Scientists stumble on secret galaxies in darkest space

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

ASTRONOMERS exploring what was believed to be an empty quarter of the sky have discovered 50 galaxies. The Boötes Void, 700 million light years from Earth and 500 times the size of the Milky Way, was thought to be empty of stars. It turns out there are plenty there, but they are too dim to be easily spotted.

Dr Greg Aldering of the University of Minnesota told a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Tucson, Arizona, that together with astronomers from Harvard University, the University of Oregon and the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, he had used telescopes in Arizona and California to conduct a search at a magnitude of 18.

"It was a region that was thought to be totally devoid of any galaxies," he said. "We've surveyed two thirds of it now and have found 50."

The team's success comes because earlier searches had been limited to objects of magnitude 16. Magnitude numbers increase as brightness of an object decreases. A magnitude of 5 is about the brightest star that can be seen with the naked eye.

Despite the new discoveries, the Boötes Void, whose position in the sky is near the handle of the Big Dipper, is still relatively uncrowded. "It has only about a third of the



material that is average for such an area," Dr Aldering said. The Virgo cluster, just seven million light years across, has 1,000 galaxies.

Dr Aldering said voids had a particular fascination for astronomers because of the mystery of their origin. It is believed that the process that leads to large empty areas began shortly after the Big Bang, the moment when, according to many scientists, the universe began. The voids could have originated as small vacant areas that then grew rapidly as the universe expanded.

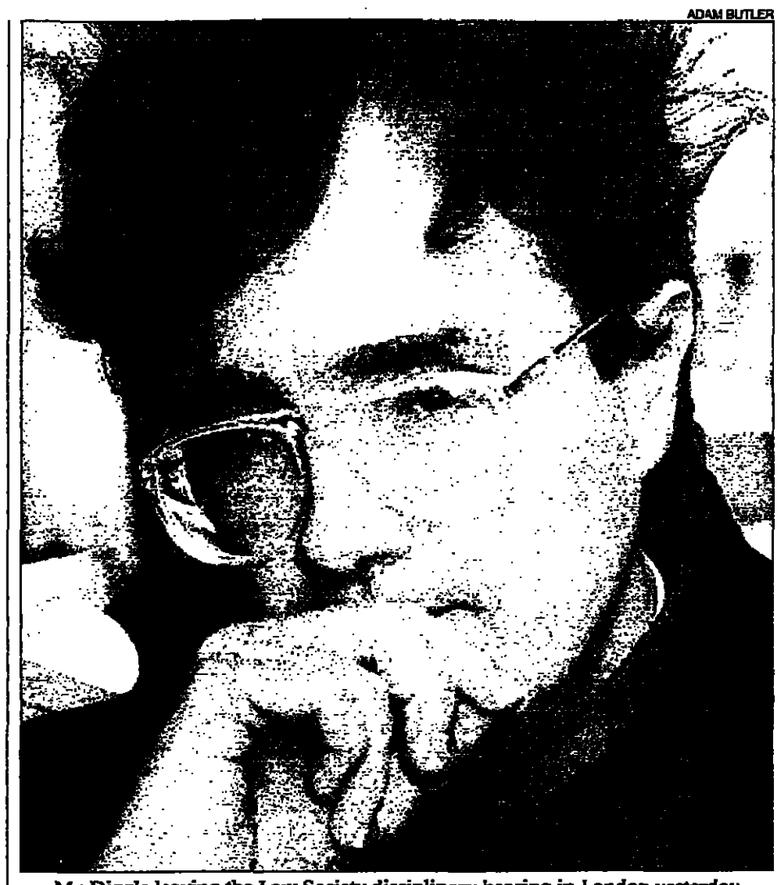
"The void could actually expand faster than other areas because it has less matter and the gravity effects are smaller," Dr Aldering said.

Boötes, a constellation in the northern sky, is said to have been named after a herdsman who invented the ox-drawn plough. For this he was promoted to the heavens. The constellation is supposed to represent a man holding a crook and driving the Great Bear, Ursa Major, which lies close by. The seven brightest stars in Ursa Major are the Plough, or Big Dipper; the Boötes Void lies close to the handle of the Plough.

☐ In a separate presentation at the same meeting, another scientific team said that it had discovered a new class of galaxies, miniature spiral galaxies, the same shape as the Milky Way, but only about a tenth as large.

Dr James Schombert of the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said that the new galaxies ranged from 7,000 to 10,000 light years in diameter, while the Milky Way was roughly 80,000 light years across. The dwarf spirals had evaded detection previously because of their dimness, he said.

ADAM BUTLER



Mr Diggle leaving the Law Society disciplinary hearing in London yesterday

Tribunal bans sex assault case solicitor for year

By Kathryn Knight

ANGUS DIGGLE, the solicitor convicted of the attempted rape of a fellow lawyer, was suspended from practising for a year by a disciplinary hearing yesterday.

Mr Diggle, 38, from Bolton, Lancashire, faced being struck off or a heavy fine from the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal after admitting a charge of unbefitting conduct. Speaking through his solicitor after the hearing, Mr Diggle said he was "extremely pleased and relieved" at the decision.

Mr Diggle was convicted for attempted rape in 1993, in what Geoffrey Williams, for the Law Society, described as the most serious case of a solicitor's misconduct in private life ever to come before the tribunal. The Law Society is now considering an appeal against the tribunal decision.

Mr Diggle was found guilty of attempted rape by an Old Bailey jury in 1993. He had taken a friend to a St Andrew's Day ball in Mayfair and had later jumped on her, wearing only frilly cuffs and a condom, as she slept at a friend's flat. He claimed that the woman had invited him to have sex by undressing in front of him. Mr Diggle was jailed for three years and was released on September 30 last year after serving one year of his sentence.

The tribunal was also told that Mr Diggle had been fined £50 by Manchester magistrates in 1992 for harassing a young woman on a local train.

Michael Borrelli, for Mr Diggle, said that he had already been punished for his offence. "He has had to live with the consequences of that conviction." He had erred in his private life and had shown a degree of sexual naiveté. "The general reputation of the solicitors' profession is far more damaged by cases of dishonesty or negligence of a professional nature."

Mr Borrelli said that Mr Diggle, who has not worked as a solicitor since 1990, had been unable to find employment since his conviction, but hoped to return to either private practice or employment as a solicitor.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Third hand play

In each of the following suit lay-outs, you are East, sitting over the dummy. Against a No-Trump contract your partner leads the two and the three is played from dummy. What card should you play?

(1) 7 6 3 — K Q 8

(2) 7 6 3 — K J 8

(3) J 8 3 — Q 10 9

(4) J 8 3 — Q 10 4

The reason I am discussing this in my refresher column is to remind you of third hand's play from sequences. No doubt you know that if you have K Q x it is right to *lead* the king, and with Q 10 9 you lead the ten — that is to say if you have a sequence you lead the *top* of it. (The 10 9 in the Q 10 9 holding is known as an *interior* sequence.)

But third in hand you should play the bottom of a sequence. This enables your partner to deduce various things about the declarer's holding. Correct play on the above combinations is as follows:

1. Play the queen. If your partner has not got the jack he will know the declarer has it — if you had held the jack as well as the queen you would have played the jack. Partner will still be in the dark as to who has the king. Incidentally, when people discussing hands with me call jacks knaves I ask "why do they have a letter J in the corner?" Even Jeremy Flint came round to "jack".

2. Play the king. Now if your partner has not got the queen he will know the declarer has it.

3. You play the nine. If the declarer wins the trick with the ace or king, your partner can tell that you must have the ten.

4. You play the ten. If your partner has not got the nine, he can tell that the declarer must have it.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

Master Writer

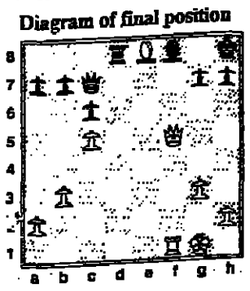
Grandmaster Harry Golombek OBE, chess correspondent of The Times from 1945 to 1985 who died at the weekend was noted equally for his lucid writing on chess, which could bring the drama of the games alive, as for his play over the board. His masterpiece was his book Reti's Games of Chess and the following game, with his flank developments of White's bishops, was his favourite.

White: Reti
Black: Bogolyubov
New York, 1924

Reti Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	g3	d5
4	Bg2	Bd6
5	0-0	0-0
6	b3	Re8
7	Bb2	Nbd7
8	d4	c6
9	Nbd2	Ne4
10	Nxe4	dxe4
11	Ne5	f5
12	f3	exf3
13	Bxf3	Qc7
14	Nxd7	Bxd7
15	e4	e5
16	c5	Bf8

Diagram of final position



17	Qc2	exd4
18	ed5	Rad8
19	Bh5	Re5
20	Bxd4	Rxd5
21	Rxd5	Bxd5
22	Qxd5	Rxd4
23	Rf1	Rd8
24	Bf7+	Kh8
25	Be8	Black resigns

After 25 ... Rxe8 26 Qxf8+ Rxf8 27 Rxf8 is mate.

Golombek himself proved also on many occasions that he was a master of flank development of his bishops as this strategic accomplishment demonstrates.

White: Turn
Black: Golombek
Stockholm, 1937

Torre Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	b6
3	Bg5	Ne4
4	Bf4	Bb7
5	Ng5	Nxg5
6	Bxg5	f6
7	Bf4	e6
8	e3	f5
9	Nd2	Bd6
10	Bxd6	cxd6
11	Be2	0-0
12	Bf3	Bxf3
13	Qxf3	Nc6
14	c3	d5
15	0-0-0	b5
16	Kb1	Na5
17	Rhg1	Qb6
18	g4	f4
19	exf4	b4
20	Ka1	bxc3
21	bxc3	Rac8
22	f5	Qc6
23	Rg3	Qa4
24	Rc1	Rc6
25	Qd3	Ra6
26	Re2	Rb8
27	Rg1	Rab6
28	bxa6	dxe6
29	c4	dxc4
30	Nxc4	Nb3+

White resigns

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'If you came across an officer used for bayonet practice, you could not forget either'

Veterans welcome Japanese absence from VJ-Day events

By John Young

JAPAN will not be represented at this year's ceremonies in Britain to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the Far East, the Prime Minister confirmed yesterday.

Invitations have been sent to more than 50 heads of state and government, including those of Germany and Italy, to attend the events marking VE-Day, the end of the war in Europe, from May 6 to 8. The Japanese Ambassador has been invited. But John Major said the VJ-Day commemorations, on August 19 and 20, would be an occasion for the nation and the Commonwealth to give thanks and to remember solemnly the sacrifices of the wartime generation.

Confirmation that there would be no Japanese in attendance was welcomed by veterans and former prisoners of war. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, chairman of the Burma Star Association, said: "I am hoping to get 10,000 of our members on parade on August 19, but I know that, if a Japanese contingent was present, not a single man would turn out."

He said that many veterans, especially those who were prisoners of war, had endured such terrible experiences at the hands of the Japanese that they could never forget. "If you came across an officer with barbed wire round his neck and 17 stab wounds through his body where he had been used for bayonet practice, you could not forget either.

"I am a Christian and I can forgive a lot. But the feeling among our veterans is that the Japanese in war were very different from the Germans, whom we can always forgive."

Harold Payne, president of the National Federation of Far Eastern Prisoners of War, said after hearing the announcement at the Banqueting House in London: "I am very satisfied by the Prime Minister's assurance, because my members would have been very upset if the Japanese took any part in the event."

Mr Payne, who served in the Royal Artillery and was captured in Singapore in 1942, said: "We will be there to give thanks for our lives. If they hadn't dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we would have been goners. The Japs had told us that they would dispose of us if the Allies were forced to invade the mainland. I am not ashamed to say that I can neither forgive nor forget."

Renee Cumberbatch, 76, whose husband Leslie was a businessman in Shanghai, was sent with her baby daughter to a camp outside the city after its capture by the Japanese. "They wrecked our lives. We lost everything. How can we forgive?"

Mr Major said that the commemoration plans had been discussed with the governments of Germany and Japan, which were "very happy" with the arrangements. "The commemorations mark one of the most remarkable events not only in the history of these islands but in the history of the world.

"Untold millions died, servicemen and civilians alike. Some of man's greatest aesthetic achievements were destroyed. In the end, however, tyranny lost. Liberty would not have been possible in Eastern Europe nor, if we had lost, in Western Europe either. It is for all these reasons that it is absolutely right to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary," he said.

Lord Cranborne, Leader of the House of Lords and the minister responsible for the events, said: "We have been in very close contact with our Japanese friends over what was bound to be a very delicate matter."

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MAIN EVENTS

May 6: opening ceremony in Hyde Park. Reception at Guildhall for heads of state.

May 7: service of thanksgiving and reconciliation at St Paul's Cathedral. Young people's concert and ceremony in Hyde Park.

May 8: public holiday, and families day in Hyde Park. Queen to light first of chain of beacons across Europe. Princes Trust concert.

August 19: charity procession and veterans' parade in London.

August 20: church services across country.

Hundreds of other events are planned locally and street parties will be encouraged.



John Major yesterday announcing events to mark the end of the war in Europe and Japan

PETER SMITH



The close relationship of Roosevelt and Churchill is captured in Lawrence Holofcener's sculpture, to be sited in London

Sculpture reunites wartime allies

By Alan Hamilton and Marianne Darch

"GIVE us the tools," Winston Churchill told Franklin Roosevelt in a memorable radio broadcast in February 1941, "and we will finish the job." The tools arrived, in the shape of lend-lease, and the job was indeed finished.

The remarkable rapport between the two leaders is to be commemorated in an unusually informal statue, to be unveiled in the West End of London in time for the VE-Day celebrations in May. The work of Lawrence Holofcener, the sculpture will show the pair in relaxed conversation on a park bench, and will be sited in New Bond Street in such a way that passers-by may sit and join them.

Entitled *Allies*, the work celebrates a partnership between two statesmen who came to have a huge regard for each other. Churchill, who had cultivated the friendship before hostilities began, held a famous meeting with Roosevelt on the battleship *Prince of Wales* off Newfoundland in 1941. The British leader was reportedly as excited as a schoolboy at the prospect of the encounter. Churchill displayed such an enthusiasm for the New World that Americans saw him as an exception to the stuffiness of the British ruling class.

Holofcener, who lives on the Isle of Wight, said yesterday: "I chose the subject because the two men brought us successfully through the world war but have never been honoured together."

In 1940, when Britain stood alone, Roosevelt, facing a presidential election and allegations that he had entered a secret war pact with Britain, attacked the "fantastic misstatement" that his administration had "secretly entered into agreements with foreign nations". He conceded that, only a month before, he had had a secret meeting with Churchill. Within five months, he had signed the lend-lease deal which kept Britain supplied with vital war material, to be paid for when the conflict was over.

Rosamund Monckton, chairman of the Bond Street Association, which has bought the sculpture, said it was a lasting celebration of peace. "It is humanity: two very great figures, relaxing, who were architects of world peace."



*The wartime leaders meeting on board the battleship *Prince of Wales* in August 1941*

Wild West enthusiast shot first at police

Police fired five shots at a cowboy enthusiast who had opened fire on them, hitting him twice, an inquest at Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was told yesterday. Robert Dixon, 44, was hit in the chest and hip. It was found later that his revolver was a replica, and that he had fired five blanks at officers.

The inquest was adjourned to await a report by Detective Chief Superintendent Geoffrey Ogden, who is leading the Police Complaints Authority investigation into the shooting on December 27.

Liner launch

The Queen is to name a new 2,000-passenger liner at Southampton in April. P&O's *Oriana*, nearing completion in a German shipyard, is capable of 25 knots, has 2.5 acres of deck space and the largest swimming pool afloat. Initially she will cruise around Europe and the Caribbean.

News at Ten top

News At Ten on ITV has taken over from the BBC as the favourite national news programme, according to the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board. It attracted an average audience of 6.6 million last year, compared with 6.3 million for its nearest rival, BBC1's *Six O'Clock News*.

Train death

An off-duty rail worker died after he was hit by a train at Clapham High Street railway station in south London. The man, in his mid-twenties, was clipped by the train as he stood at the end of a platform during the evening rush hour. British Rail has begun an investigation.

Out in the wash

Comet, the electrical firm, has been fined £4,000 by magistrates in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, after admitting selling a second-hand washing machine to a woman who thought it was new. She realised it had been used before when it flooded and a sock and button were found in a pipe.

Stowaways found

Owners of the liner *Canberra* were yesterday deciding what to do with three stowaways found sleeping in a lifeboat. The men, believed to be Croatians, were discovered two days after the P&O liner left Southampton with 1,500 passengers and 800 crew for a three-month world cruise.

Blue Wales

A linguist has spent 18 months compiling a dictionary of 6,000 swear words in Welsh. The project became "a bit of an obsession", according to Ceri Jones, 29, of Minffordd, Gwynedd. The book, already praised by academics, will be published at the end of the month.

Raid ordeal

Two raiders woke a woman of 78 to demand her valuables after breaking into a house in Beaminster, Dorset. One man placed a hand over her mouth while the other searched the bedroom. After finding no valuables, the pair loaded the woman's dining table into a vehicle and drove off.

Long delivery

A 5ft tall woman has given birth to a 2ft baby. Elizabeth Raymond, from Swindon, whose son Joshua weighed 1lb 13oz, said: "I put on nearly three stone in weight during the pregnancy, and nearly half of that was Joshua." Mrs Raymond's husband Andrew is 6ft 2in tall.

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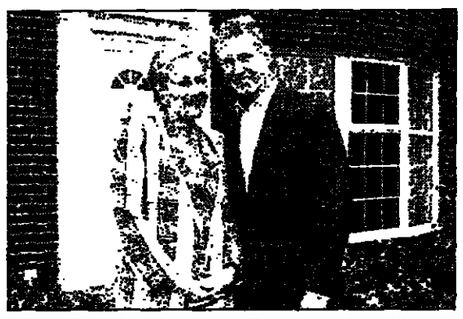
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Acquitted man denied gun licence

A BUSINESSMAN cleared two years ago of plotting to murder his wife lost his appeal against a magistrate's refusal to grant him a gun licence yesterday after a judge said he was "a danger to public and peace".

Timothy Tindall, 30, a former gamekeeper who had given the Duke of Kent shooting tips on the royal estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, was "unfit to be entrusted with a firearm". Judge Myerson, QC, said in his appeal ruling at Leeds Crown Court that Mr Tindall, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, had been accused of approaching a hitman intending to cause his second wife Helen death or injury. Mr Tindall was acquitted of conspiracy to murder in December 1992 after it was disclosed that a detective investigating the allegations was having an affair with the businessman's first wife, a witness in the case.

Mr Tindall, who spent 12 months in custody awaiting trial, intends to pursue civil claims against West Yorkshire police for false imprisonment and falsification of evidence.

The judge said that Mr Tindall should not be allowed to possess a shotgun because of the danger to the public which was inherent with defects in his personality.

Sailor shocked by size of Navy fine

A PETTY officer based at at Portsmouth in Hampshire was fined £17,000 by a court martial yesterday for fiddling £193 on his expenses. The fine is believed to be the largest imposed by a service court. Mark Bostock, 33, from Eastney, Hampshire, admitted four charges of forging signatures on travel claim forms.

Bostock, who is to leave the Navy shortly, had faced being discharged and losing his pension benefits and a redundancy package estimated to be worth £54,000. He had stood to gain £48.49 from each of the four false expenses claims he filed in October last year, but he was found out before any money was paid. Bostock, based at *HMS Nelson*, also admitted entering a non-existent address on the travel claim forms as his stated destination.



Bostock: allowed to work out his service

The court martial panel said that Bostock's 15 years' previous "unblemished service" had been taken into account in deciding that he should be allowed to remain in the service to the end of his term.

Bostock's lawyer, David Lancaster, said his client was considering an appeal against the size of the fine. "The overall result of avoiding dismissal from the service was a good one for my client because he retained his redundancy package, but the size of the fine did come as a bit of a shock."

Bostock, who is married with a two-year-old child, is to begin an engineering course at Portsmouth University next month. He said after the verdict: "To be honest I was quite pleased with the result and am grateful to the Navy. I know the fine is large but I expected to be dismissed the service and that would have been a nightmare.

"I would have lost the whole of my redundancy money, not just £17,000. I have enjoyed my time in the Navy. I did what I did in a moment of madness."

'Super' trees linked to radio waves

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

RADIO transmitters can cause trees to grow thicker and faster, according to studies of forests in Michigan. Scientists claim that since the US Navy built a giant radio-based signalling system in the American state, certain trees have flourished.

The extremely low-frequency antenna, used for contacting submarines under the polar icecaps, stretches 90 kilometres through a sparsely populated but heavily wooded area in the state's upper peninsula. Since it was switched on in 1986, scientists say the transmitter has had curious, if subtle, effects on trees such as aspens and red pines.

Glenn Mroz, a researcher at the Michigan Technological University in Houghton, said: "It is similar to what you would expect from aspens that have been fertilised." The scientists, who have taken records of trees in the area since 1985, have compared two identical sites — one near the transmitter and the other 30 miles away.

They found that red pines near the transmitter grew taller and aspens and red maples grew thicker than ones at the other site. Two species, northern red oak and paper birch, were unaffected.

The scientists, whose findings are reported in *New Scientist*, have carried out laboratory experiments to test the effects of the signalling system, which operates at 76 hertz. They suspect the growth spurts might be because of the electromagnetic field accelerating the movement of nutrients across cell walls. The findings have intrigued the British Forestry Commission, which manages forests partly for timber production. A spokesman said yesterday: "Maybe if we want to get rapid growth we should think about putting some transmitters in the forests.

"Our scientists have several theories. It could be that the transmitter warms up the trees or makes water molecules more mobile. We have no plans at the moment to test transmitters in forests."

Until recently a similar transmitter had been proposed for the Royal Navy in Glen Garry, Scotland, but a Navy spokesman said yesterday that experiments on extremely low-frequency transmitters had been suspended and the project in Glen Garry shelved.

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Rail regulator insists top priority is better service for travellers, not high profits

Stations offering through tickets may be cut by 80%

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

AN 80 per cent cut in the number of railway stations where passengers can buy through tickets is one option being considered for the future of the network, the independent rail regulator confirmed last night.

As the political storm over privatisation continued, John Swift, QC, the regulator, said that under one of the three options only 294 core stations, out of 1,300 manned stations, would be able to offer a complete service for through tickets.

Mr Swift, however, insisted that his aim was to ensure customers of a privatised rail network would enjoy a better, more competitive service.

The cross-party "Save our Railways" campaign condemned the report as a "monstrous deceit" and alleged its real purpose was to enable privatised operators to reduce staff and cut operating costs by up to half.

Although the "core station" option has been condemned as "unacceptable" by Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, Mr Swift is under no legal obligation to heed what Parliament says.

Another option would be the "two-tier approach", adding to the core stations a second tier of stations selling a less comprehensive range of tickets. The third possibility is for the existing retail services to remain as they are until Mr Swift is satisfied alternative arrangements are in place to justify a reduced service.

Mr Swift, who himself commutes from Didcot station in Oxfordshire, a proposed core terminal, was adamant yesterday that through-ticketing would be available from far more than 294 stations once the network has been split into 25 separate train operating companies. He said it would be in the interests of rail operators to ensure they offered an attractive, competitive service.

Critics claim that the main problem with the the core station proposal is highlighted by the example of a passenger wishing to travel from Yeovil to Birmingham. Yeovil is not a core station so he would have to buy a ticket to Bristol before he could buy a ticket to Birmingham. Mr Swift responded that it was too early to say what would happen in that instance.

His report states: "The underlying logic of this possible policy approach would be that at stations not designated as core, operators would in general be free to decide whether or not to sell tickets and, where tickets were sold, the destinations covered by the retail outlet."

He said: "The real question is whether it is appropriate as a licence obligation that every one of the 1,300 or so stations should be required to sell 'anywhere to anywhere' tickets and to have that obligation enforced by the regulator whatever the cost; or whether the licence obligation should be more limited, leaving it to the operator to use his own business initiative and sense to provide more services if he thinks fit.

"I have little doubt that if I were to impose such comprehensive obligations on all licensees, there would be increases in costs because the standard would have to be higher than that achieved by British Rail under the current system." Mr Swift said he was confident that new technology would enable rail operators to sell tickets through home-based computers, over the telephone and through other outlets.

Henry McLeish, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said: "This report is a hammer blow to the credibility of Dr Mawhinney. He has been humiliated by the rail regulator's decision to publish three options which amount to the same thing, a huge cut in through-ticketing."

CORE STATIONS

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TONY WHITE



John Swift fielding questions at yesterday's press conference. He frequently commutes from Didcot to London

Seasoned champion with a vested interest in the commuter's lot

By Tim Jones

JOHN SWIFT QC thought *January would be a quiet* month and had arranged to go on a Caribbean holiday with his wife and two children.

Yesterday, with the holiday cancelled, the Rail Regulator found himself at the centre of the storm over rail privatisation.

A man more used to subjecting witnesses to searching questions, Mr Swift, 54, was himself yesterday, in effect, in the dock, defending his consultation document on the sale of tickets.

He answered questions with the cautious authority of someone who has been in professional practice at the Bar of England and Wales since 1966.

Charged with protecting the interests of rail users, passengers, operators and other customers, Mr Swift is beyond the reach of even Parliament. He confirmed yesterday that while Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary — *who complained* that the proposal radically to reduce the number of stations at which through tickets could be bought was "unacceptable" — *could offer him* advice, he was under no obligation to heed it.

Throughout the 1980s, Mr Swift was instructed as leading counsel in many inquiries carried out by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the public implications of large-scale mergers and anti-competitive practices. His practical claim to the role of champion of rail passengers is that he is himself a commuter, travelling to London by train from Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Mr Swift lists his hobbies as gardening, golf and reading. On taking up his appointment, he said: "I would *not have taken up this chall*enge without being a firm believer than Britain's railway network has a future as one of the main transport providers of the 21st century."

Mr Swift was educated at Birkenhead School and at University College, Oxford, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and Bologna.

He lives with his wife and son and daughter at Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire, from where he drives to catch his train from Didcot into London. Occasionally, he stays in London overnight to indulge his passion for the theatre.



Mawhinney: can only suggest changes

Kent is northern train builders' last stop

By Paul Wilkinson

COMMUTERS in the South East are the last hope for 750 train builders in the North. This morning travellers from Kent will be lobbied by a delegation campaigning to keep open the ABB factory in York.

Works committee officials will be on the platform at Ashford in Kent before dawn handing out leaflets urging commuters to persuade the Government *through their MPs to fund* new orders for the York trainworks. They will also travel to Charing Cross to explain how new trains can save their livelihoods.

Tony Walton, chairman of the factory works committee, said: "It is a common cause. They need new trains urgently to replace ageing rolling stock, we need the order to keep working. Now that British Rail has announced this week that it cannot justify placing a new order for commuter trains for the South East, public pressure on the Government is our last hope."

Work at the ABB factory will end in October with the completion of a batch of Networker trains for Home Counties commuter lines. The factory's only hope of survival is for British Rail to take up an option with ABB for replacements for the 30-year-old slam-door trains on the *Kent lines.*

That was apparently dashed by an announcement from BR this week that it would not be ordering the units. Mr Walton said: "The Government has starved BR of cash in the run-up to privatisation and they just cannot afford to buy something the travelling public desperately needs. The sad thing is that the trains will have to be bought anyway in the next five years and it will be a foreign company that gets the money, probably one helped by its government."

Man tries to flee on Le Shuttle

A MAN wanted by police in connection with a £2 million tarmac swindle was arrested in France after fleeing through the Channel Tunnel.

The man, 30, had evaded a police helicopter during a chase across Kent, and had driven his car onto Le Shuttle at Folkestone.

Police contacted their French counterparts and he was spotted during a Customs check and handcuffed before being returned to Folkestone.

The man, allegedly part of a Midlands gang that charged exorbitant prices for resurfacing *roads and drives, is be*lieved to be the first person arrested via the tunnel link.

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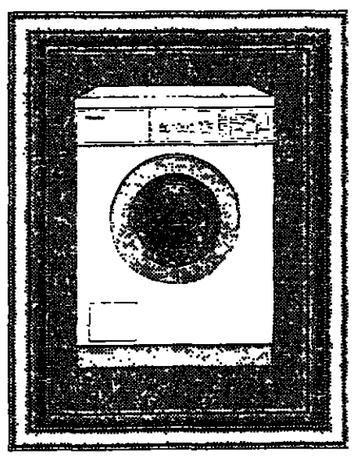
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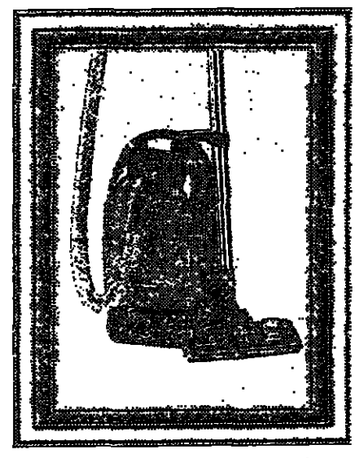
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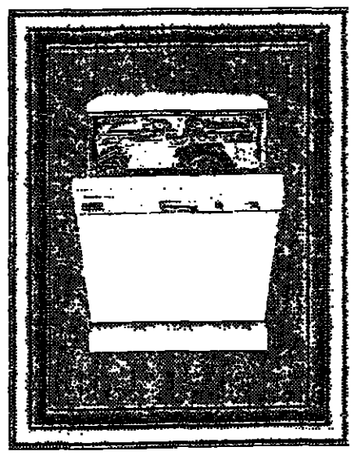
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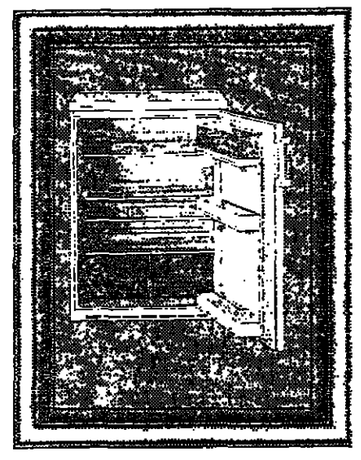
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'We have listened to local people rather than to politicians with a vested interest'

Local government review gives final snub to Tories

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE most wide-ranging review of local government in shire England for nearly a quarter of a century ended yesterday with the recommendation that only one all-purpose unitary authority be created among the last five counties to be surveyed.

The Government set up the review 2½ years ago in the hope it would lead to unitary authorities covering most of the country. In the event the independent Local Government Commission has proposed dismantling only seven of the 39 counties and leaving 14 of them unchanged. In the remaining 18, the commission thinks it best to grant independent status only to some larger towns, leaving the rest of the county unaltered. Rutland and Herefordshire are to be recreated as unitary authorities in their own right.

Yesterday's recommendations cover Derbyshire and Gloucestershire, where the commission had been asked to think again by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, about its initial proposals. In both cases the commission has refused to change its mind, proposing unitary status for the City of Derby with the rest of Derbyshire left as it is and no change in Gloucestershire. It also recommends leaving local government unaltered in Cornwall, Hertfordshire and Shropshire.

Overall the commission has proposed 50 new unitary authorities, serving 8 million people, instead of the 95 all-purpose councils it suggested in its first draft proposals. If the ideas are backed by Parliament it will mean that 22 million people will continue to live in areas where the county and districts provide complementary services.

Sir John Banham, the commission's chairman, said the £15 million review was more of a tidying up than a revolution, and the important result was that a consultation procedure was now in place that could lead to change as and when it was wanted. The review had corrected the mistakes of the last review, in 1974, discovered ways of improving the existing system and had avoided spending £500 million introducing changes that did not have the support of the local people.

The structure left in place was flexible enough to cater for the effects of any future move to regional government, as favoured by Labour, and had avoided the "Balkanisation" of the shires that would have resulted from a network of unitary authorities.

In turning down the demands of ancient cities such as Norwich and Exeter to recover their independent status as unitary authorities, the commission had taken the views of the county as a whole into consideration. "Durham without Durham or Devon without Exeter are matters of considerable emotion to local people. It is not just a matter of preaching a sermon in the cathedral but of how local people see their county town," Sir John said.

"We have carried out a process of listening to local people rather than to politicians with vested interest, a process of looking to the future rather than the past," he said. "A process is now in place to enable further structural change to occur at the local level without a wait for a quarter of a century if local attitudes and circumstances alter.

"We were very conscious of the fact that our predecessors under [Lord] Redcliffe-Maude managed to get all their predictions about local government precisely wrong — all of them. We have put in place a consultation process rather than create a big bang which is then going to put the whole subject to bed for a generation.

"In those areas where we judged there was insufficient evidence to justify change there is also potential for progress. We have acted as a catalyst for improvements to the existing system which would never have taken place without the prospect of abolition."

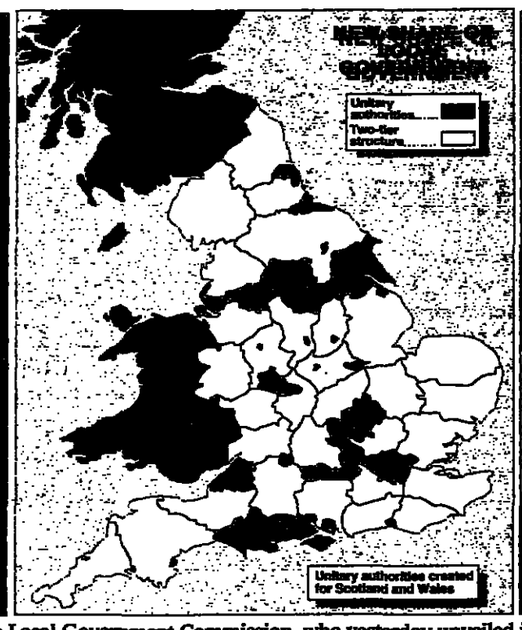
One reason the commission had agreed to leave things unaltered in so many places, he said, was that counties had given pledges about how they would work with districts to improve services. The commission would now be looking for proof of this.

There was, Sir John said, no evidence that the unitary authorities which covered the entire London area worked any better than the two-tier system of county and district. "No-one can convince me that truancy there is lower, education standards are higher or community care is better," he said. "The evidence is not there and the case is not proven. If local people are having to pay for changing the system they need proof it is worth the money. In many parts of the country they want to see the existing system work better."

However, he said that if, in three or four years' time the public in areas left unaltered by the review did feel that unitary authorities were better, they could press for change. The most important thing of all was to listen to public opinion.

"The commission is in a good position to prevent serious mistakes taking place," Sir John said. "Had the consultation process we followed been in place at the time it would have prevented one of the most serious mistakes ever made — the poll tax. We shall be paying for that mistake into the next century."







Sir John Banham, left, chairman of the Local Government Commission, who yesterday unveiled its final proposals, centre, and criticised the predictions made by his predecessor, Lord Redcliffe-Maud, right, which he said had been proved "precisely wrong" in every respect

Holiday resort bans beer in bottles

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A HOLIDAY resort has banned late-night bars from selling beer in bottles after a rise in the number of attacks involving broken glass.

The ruling by Torbay Borough Council in Devon will affect all nightclubs, hotels and holiday camps with bars open after the normal closing time of 11pm. Up to 30 other local authorities are expected to follow the initiative.

The council was concerned at the growing number of assaults using broken bottles, particularly among young drinkers who favour the strong "designer" lagers. One surgeon working at Torbay General Hospital has treated 70 cases in the past year.

The 47 premises affected will have to comply with the new ruling as a condition of their licence. It is the second stage of a clampdown on nightclubs, where the licensing authority allows only plastic or specially strengthened glasses. The borough's ten nightclubs cater for up to 5,500 young people each night at the height of the summer.

Barrie Davis, the head of licensing, said: "Excluding bottles seemed like the logical step after we changed the regulations governing glasses. Our stance has caused considerable interest from as far afield as Rotherham."

The Rank Organisation, which runs a nightclub in Torquay, appealed against the ruling but its objections were overruled by magistrates. An appeal to the Crown Court has been dropped.

Bottled beers date from the 1860s but sales have soared in the past ten years. More than 50 million bottles of the Mexican beer Sol, served with a slice of lime, are sold in Britain each year.

Anglers' cormorant cull leads to protests

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

BIRD lovers protested yesterday at the granting of licences to anglers to shoot more cormorants and other fish-eating birds to protect salmon stocks.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the Welsh Office have allowed a total of 28 cormorants and 32 goosanders, a species of duck, to be shot on stretches of the River Wye in Wales and Hereford and Worcester.

Anglers have long complained about increased plundering of fish stocks by cormorants, which in recent years have increasingly moved inland in search of easier prey. But English Nature, the Countryside Council for Wales and the RSPB advised against the grant of the licences, arguing there was no proof of damage to fish stocks.

Gwyn Williams, head of species and habitats policy at the RSPB, said: "Both these birds are protected species. The Government has failed to make a convincing case for allowing them to be shot." The number of salmon returning to the river each year had not fallen. "The average size and age of the fish has declined but this has nothing to do with avian predation." Mr Williams said. "It is probably because of increased netting of salmon out at sea."

Major David Shaw, a fishery manager on the Wye, said: "The licences are a recognition that these birds are doing considerable damage to fish stocks. It is not a case of trying to cull a species of fish-eating bird to extinction but to get control over a predator that is increasing by 5 to 10 per cent each year. Research on the River Tweed in Scotland has shown that a goosander, from egg to maturity, will consume up to 1,600 parr over an 18-month period."

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Major must minimise impact of a Blair victory on Clause 4

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Tory leadership is in danger of being outmanoeuvred by Tony Blair by taking the Labour row over Clause Four at face value. There are certainly deep divisions within Labour. The hard Left is going to fight fiercely and the vote for change is unlikely to be overwhelming. But it suits Mr Blair and his allies to build up the drama. He has to be seen to be in a real battle.

Tuesday's advertisement by left-wing Labour MEPs was an irritation and a distraction to Mr Blair when he was about to present his European policy in Brussels. He had to show that he was in charge. But his tough remarks yesterday about "infantile incompetence" and "gesture politics" went much further than was necessary to regain the initiative after a period of drift. They were intended to raise the stakes, to dramatise the debate.

The remarks were similar in style to Neil Kinnock's dramatic confrontation with Liverpool Militants at the party conference in 1985 and to Harold Wilson's "dog licence" criticisms of left-wing rebel MPs in 1967. Such defiance of what are popularly seen as extremists generally enhances the standing of the party leader concerned. According to MORI polls, Mr Kinnock's rating jumped sharply after his 1985 speech and remained more favourable for some time. It will not do Mr Blair much harm at Westminster to be seen to be attacking MEPs, few of whom are held in high regard by MPs.

Confrontational tactics only work if the party leader is going to win in the end, as Mr Kinnock did, though Lord Wilson's attack on the left annoyed many MPs and was largely ineffective. Mr Blair's current stance rests on the contradictory assertions that he is in a real fight and that he will undoubtedly win. His camp want to be able to present victory at the special conference at the end of April as a triumph for his leadership. He has taken a real risk. But there is a danger of exaggerating its significance.

Perversely, the Tory leadership is playing Mr Blair's game. Various statements from Conservative Central Office have gleefully pinpointed Labour divisions. Jeremy Hanley, the Tory chairman, yesterday sought to have it both ways. He talked of Mr Blair's attempt to ditch Clause Four "unravelling before our very eyes". He then added that whether Mr Blair "succeeds or not is irrelevant". But if he does succeed, Mr Hanley's criticisms now will magnify his victory then.

The more sensible Tory stance would be to play down the Clause Four battle, to minimise the impact of Mr Blair's likely victory, and to concentrate instead on how far Labour spokesmen are willing, and able, to change party policy. That is the real area of Labour weakness: the failure so far to update thinking about education, health and other public services. The Labour Party is a long way from being Blairite in either head or heart.

The current focus on Labour gives the Tories the chance to regroup after the earlier upheavals. The temperature at Westminster is noticeably lower than a month ago.

John Major on Sunday and Tony Newton, in yesterday's Commons debate, have sounded conciliatory to the Tory Euro-rebels. But not all are yet in the mood to respond. They split and went different ways in last night's votes on Commons committees. But their return to the fold is only a preliminary step. It is not enough for Mr Major to say what he is against. The leadership needs to move forward and set out its own proposals, especially on Europe, as Douglas Hurd will do in Paris today.

The current relief of Tory MPs should not lull them into complacency. They need to do a lot more than enjoy Labour's rows. These may only be temporary, while the Tory truce remains fragile.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour MEPs at war over advert

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR MEPs who support Tony Blair's decision to replace Clause Four yesterday retaliated over their colleagues' attempts to thwart the Labour leader.

Thirty-six MEPs have signed a letter to *The Guardian* giving their full support to Mr Blair's drive to modernise the party's constitution. This follows the action of 34 MEPs who severely embarrassed Mr Blair by putting their name to a newspaper advertisement defending Clause Four on Tuesday, the day that he was to address a high-profile meeting in Brussels.

Yesterday a row broke out among the MEPs after Mr Blair angrily attacked the dissidents. Many of the rebels remained unrepentant. Alex Falconer, the MEP for Mid Scotland and Fife, who placed the advertisment, accused Mr Blair of using Leninist language in his rebuke. Other MEPs, however, rallied to Mr Blair's side, including Glenys Kinnock, who said Labour should have nothing to do with "symbols, icons or mantras".

Seven of the MEPs whose name was linked with the advertisement in *The Guardian* decided to sign the new letter, which was expected to appear today. Some of them argued that they had not been told about the *Guardian* advertisement and that they had signed their name only to an advertisement appearing in *Tribune* in October. The seven MEPs are Hugh McMahon, Christine Oddy, David Thomas, Alan Donnelly, Joe Wilson, David Bowe and Stephen Hughes.

The new letter, signed by Christine Crawley, deputy leader of the European Parliamentary Labour party, welcomes the debate on the future of Clause Four. "This is a healthy and progressive discussion, in which no socialist should have anything to fear and from which the whole of Britain has a great deal to gain," it says.

"We welcome Tony Blair's initiative in inviting the Labour Party to debate how best to serve the interests of the British people into the next century."

Tory peacemakers win support of five rebel MPs

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Government won the vote last night to retain its majority on standing committees in the Commons after holding out an olive branch to the nine backbench Euro-rebels and wooing some of them over.

Tony Newton, Leader of the House, opened the debate on committee selection with an assurance to the whipless rebels that they would not be vetoed from their attempts to stand for selection to any standing committees.

Mr Newton, constantly interrupted by the rebels, told them: "Withdrawal of the Conservative whip does not constitute expulsion from the Conservative Party."

The Tories are technically in a minority after withdrawing the whip from the rebels, but Mr Newton said: "The party having a majority of MPs elected at the preceding election should retain a majority on standing committees unless and until it loses that majority."

The softening of the Government's attitude towards the rebels eventually won five of them over on the Government motion, which was carried by a majority of 37. But four rebels abstained and several Tory MPs criticised the Government's stance, including the former Chancellor Norman Lamont, who said the Government had put itself in a minority and was now "denying the logic" of its position.

The argument over the composition of the committees, which examine the detail of government legislation, arose after the whip was withdrawn from eight MPs who refused to support a Bill increasing Britain's contributions to the European Union. The Prime Minister had made the measure an issue of confidence. A ninth backbencher resigned the whip in disgust at the Government's tactics, leaving Mr Major's administration in a technical minority of five.

Christopher Gill, one of the rebels and MP for Ludlow, complained that the Government had every reason to prolong his punishment indefinitely if the motion was passed and asked why it did not just restore the whip instead.

Mr Newton hinted to Mr Gill that the rebels could soon be readmitted into the fold telling him: "It has been made very clear by the Prime Minister and others that all of us wish to see this situation resolved as speedily as possible."

Aother rebel, Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, asked for an assurance that Tory MPs, regardless of their "present relationship", with the party would be given equal treatment for committee places. Mr Newton told him: "I can certainly give you the assurance that there will be no veto."

Another rebel, Nicholas Budgen, amused the whole House by saying: "We are told that one of the ways we may be able to crawl back on our knees into the party is by a display of abject loyalty. Obviously we do want to display those characteristics but there is a practical difficulty. If we don't get the whip, we don't know when the votes will come. We don't know when anything will be contested and we cannot display the subservience required from us."

The Opposition continually harrangued Mr Newton for "trying to have it both ways." Ann Taylor, Shadow Leader of the Commons, said: "In terms of this motion, the Government could withdraw the whip from half the Conservative Party and still claim to have a technical majority on the floor of the House."

She told the Government that it was setting a dangerous precedent. "If Members opposite cannot vote for the Government in a vote of confidence, which the Prime Minister himself has said could have led to a general election, then how on earth can the Government count them as part of their majority on a day-by-day basis?"



Ashdown pioneers MP's Charter

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN became the first MP yesterday to agree to be subjected to a new MP's Charter, allowing his constituents to scrutinise his voting record and analyse whether he gives value for money.

The charter aims to make MPs more accountable to their constituents between elections. MPs that sign the charter have to account for their time and tell their constituents what services they can reasonably expect.

The idea for the charter was suggested to the independent think-tank Demos last summer by Martin Summers, a former political researcher to the Tory Cabinet Minister Michael Portillo. Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, wants each MP to sign a personalised charter, but so far most MPs seem reluctant to take a step that could increase their workload and clash with party duties.

Mr Ashdown said yesterday: "Over recent years MPs have been very keen to hand out charters to everyone else. Why not charters for themselves? MPs are there to serve the public.

"Disillusionment with politics is greater than ever. The MP's Charter will not suddenly re-establish confidence in politics but it is one way of helping to reconnect politicians with the people they are elected to serve."

A rough draft of Mr Ashdown's charter published yesterday outlines 17 requirements. A panel of three constituents will make sure that he complies with them.

He must respond to constituents' questions within 14 days, hold a surgery at least once a month and report the source and value of any gifts. He must also discuss with his constituency panel his parliamentary activities, including his voting record. As Mr Ashdown had the third worst voting attendence record among MPs last year that could cause a few problems.

Nolan witnesses chosen

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Nolan Committee into standards in public life is to question Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, although his successors as Prime Minister are unlikely to be called.

The inquiry was set up by John Major in October in response to "sleaze" allegations surrounding the Government and Parliament. Yesterday a committee spokesman said it was unlikely that Mr Major would give evidence and no approach to Baroness Thatcher was being considered.

Lord Callaghan will appear before the committee next week. Other witnesses will include Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, and David Hunt, the Civil Service Minister.

Business warms to New Labour

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party last night hailed as an "outstanding success" the first stage in a campaign to draw it closer to Britain's business community.

After a one-day conference and dinner in Brussels, attended by Tony Blair and senior figures from many of Britain's biggest companies, Labour said it would continue its seminar programme aimed at underlining its commitment to the European Union.

Mr Blair was given a standing ovation after he made his most pro-European speech since becoming party leader. Several businessmen welcomed Labour's positive stance, particularly towards forming a single currency.

Some, however, expressed concern that in government Mr Blair may face the same difficulties as John Major in persuading his party's Eurosceptical wing to back moves towards closer European integration. One businessman from a leading British retailer said: "We've heard very positive noises and there's no doubt that Labour have moved much closer to the aims of industry and commerce than ever before. But the road to government is paved with good intention and Labour has still to convince us that Tony Blair can pull the whole party with him. However, he is making a very good start."

More than 100 businessmen paid £500 each to attend the conference and dinner, held at the luxurious Conrad Hotel. Alan Donnelly, MEP for Tyne and Wear, said the event was an "outstanding success" that would draw Labour and the business community closer together.

Graham Bishop, European finance adviser to the US investment bank Salomon Brothers, praised Mr Blair's action in setting up the conference. "It has been more successful than I expected. There's a wider spread of industry and commerce than I would have expected and it is clear that Labour's MEPs have an emotional understanding of the needs of industry which wasn't there in the past." However, Mr Bishop, who advises the Tory party on European issues, admitted that Labour was unlikely to attract his vote.

Labour hopes that a benefit of closer relations with industry will be an increase in the amount of corporate funding for the party.

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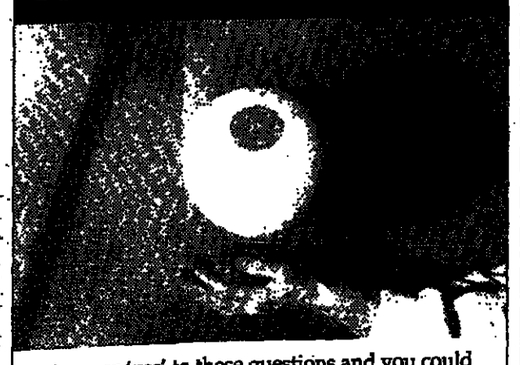
YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to trade and industry ministers were followed by the introduction of a 10-minute rule Bill on diversity of media ownership. MPs then debated government motions on the composition of standing committees, the reorganisation of local government in Cleveland, and VAT.

In the Lords, debates were held on the Government's forestry review and the Central European Time Bill.

TODAY: In the Commons, questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by a second reading debate on the Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries) Bill.

In the Lords, peers will consider the committee stage of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill.

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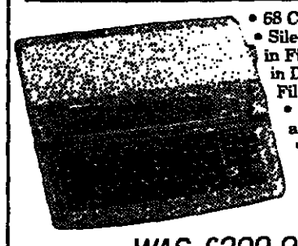
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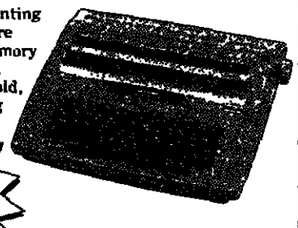
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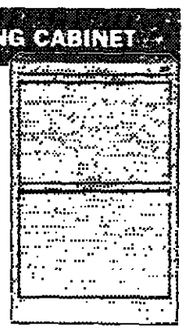
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Bomb plot suspects arrested as Pope starts Asian tour

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Pope left Rome at the start of a gruelling, four-country Asian tour yesterday after a gesture of goodwill toward Buddhists irritated by what some saw as an offensive reference to their religion in his recent book.

Fears for the security of the 74-year-old pontiff rose after two people, one of whom was identified as Said Ahmed, 26, a Pakistani, were arrested in the Philippines suspected of plotting to assassinate him. The police said they raided Mr Ahmed's flat near the nunciature, the Holy See's embassy, in Manila and found four time bombs and a priest's cassock apparently intended as a disguise for the alleged plotters.

The police also arrested 21 women staging a protest outside the nuncio's residence yesterday. The women had wanted to present a letter to the Pope urging him to seek the release of 291 political prisoners detained in the Philippines. Dozens of the prisoners have been on a hunger-strike for nine days, demanding their freedom.

About two million people are expected to turn out to see the Pope during his four days in the Philippines, the main outpost of Roman Catholicism in Asia. The Pope will cover 20,880 miles in 11 days, but Vatican officials say that considerable time for rest has been built into the schedule.

The journey to the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka will be his longest in three years and the most arduous since a ten-day tour of Brazil in 1991. The Pope has undergone two operations — for an intestinal tumour and a broken leg — in the past three years, and at the last minute cancelled a visit to America last October because of concern about his health.

Before his departure for Manila last night, the Pope assured Buddhists of his profound respect and sincere esteem for their religion. During his weekly general audience in the Vatican, he said that "during my journey I will be able to meet representatives of various religions", including Buddhists. "I willingly take this opportunity to assure adherents of the Buddhist religion of my profound respect and deep esteem. I trust that the visit to Sri Lanka and other countries can reinforce dialogue and understanding between the religions, favouring an ever more intense collaboration for peace and solidarity between peoples."

The remarks evidently were intended to dispel misunderstanding over comments the Pope made in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, published last year, in which he appeared to equate Buddhism with atheism. About 70 per cent of the 17 million inhabitants of Sri Lanka are Buddhists.

Buddhist monks demanded that he apologise for a passage in the book in which he says it is appropriate "to caution those Christians who enthusiastically welcome certain ideas originating in the religious tradition of the Far East, for example techniques and methods of meditation and ascetic practice".

Vatican-watchers say that the Pope wants to strengthen Catholic minorities in Sri Lanka, Australia and Papua New Guinea by beatifying outstanding Christians in each of those countries. He also will tell countries such as China and Vietnam that the Holy See wants better relations with them to allow Catholics to practise their religion.

In Sri Lanka, a Buddhist temple whose senior monk has criticised the Pope was damaged in an apparent arson attack yesterday. Three statues, one of the Buddha, were set on fire in the shrine room of the 300-year-old Sri Pushparamaya temple in Raddoluwa, 15 miles north of the capital, Colombo. On Tuesday, suspected arsonists damaged a statue and crib in St Cecilia's, a Catholic church two miles from the temple.

Painted warriors, tribal drums and barefoot dancers will greet the Pope on Monday when he makes his second visit as pontiff to Papua New Guinea.

Italian test-tube baby sparks ethics row

FROM REUTER IN ROME

THE birth of a baby girl produced from an egg donated by a woman who died more than two years ago sparked an ethical battle in Italy yesterday over test-tube technology.

The case of baby Elisabetta grabbed front-page headlines, the story made more intriguing since the surrogate mother is the father's sister and thus the baby's aunt.

The story prompted calls for legislation to limit production of "designer babies", reviving the unease provoked after several post-menopausal women gave birth. "We have reached the point of producing human beings as if they were boxes," said Cardinal Ersilio Tonini.

In 1992 Elisabetta and Luigi, a married couple unable to have children, sought help from a fertility clinic. An attempt to implant a fertilised egg in Elisabetta's womb failed and she was killed in a car crash in 1992. Four other fertilised eggs stayed frozen until her sister-in-law agreed to be the surrogate mother.



A German tourist in Davos, Switzerland, shovels snow from his car yesterday after more than 3ft fell in 24 hours. The snow caused road and rail chaos and the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research said there was a high risk of avalanches above 3,960ft — well below the level of most ski slopes. In Davos, inhabitants were warned to stay in their basements and the authorities were considering whether to evacuate people from the village. Rail and road links between Davos and Klosters, another resort, were cut. Four avalanches took place yesterday morning in the Bern canton alone, but no casualties were reported. In France, the snow prevented about 1,500 lorries from going through the Frejus and Mont Blanc tunnels, which lead into Italy. *(AP)*

Snow hits Swiss transport links

González 'lied' over anti-Eta murder squad, poll says

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

A SURVEY published yesterday by *El Pais*, Spain's leading newspaper, indicated that just over half of those questioned believed that Felipe González, the Prime Minister, was lying when he appeared on state television on Monday.

In that interview, he said his Government was not responsible in any way for organising a death squad that killed 27 suspected members of Eta, the Basque separatist organisation, in France between 1983 and 1987.

In an attempt to buy time and to prove his claim, Señor González ordered the Ministry of Justice and the Interior to sue José Amedo, the former Bilbao police commissioner, for libel. His declaration to an investigating judge and to *El Mundo* newspaper seem to show that the Interior Ministry organised the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group (Gal).

María Teresa Fernández de la Vega, the Deputy Justice Minister, said: "The Government is exercising its right to legitimate defence." The legal action is based on articles of the penal code concerning those who "injure or seriously threaten" state agencies.

The deputy minister also said that she was considering acting against Julio Anguita, the leader of the United Left communist party, and one of his deputies, Felipe Alcaraz. They have claimed that Señor González is "Señor X", a term the investigating judge has used of the Gal commander.

"If she wants to do it, we will see each other in the Supreme Court," Señor Alcaraz said, pointing out that it would be the first time a Spanish Prime Minister had taken legal action against an MP.

Señor González seems to have painted himself into a corner by denying his Government's involvement in the formation of the death squad. Four former Interior Ministry officials are now in jail as a result of the continuing investigation by Baltasar Garzón, a leading judge.

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Youth back banned Paris radio station

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A PARIS radio station has found a novel way of making its mark among the 40 that compete for the city's ears: get banned.

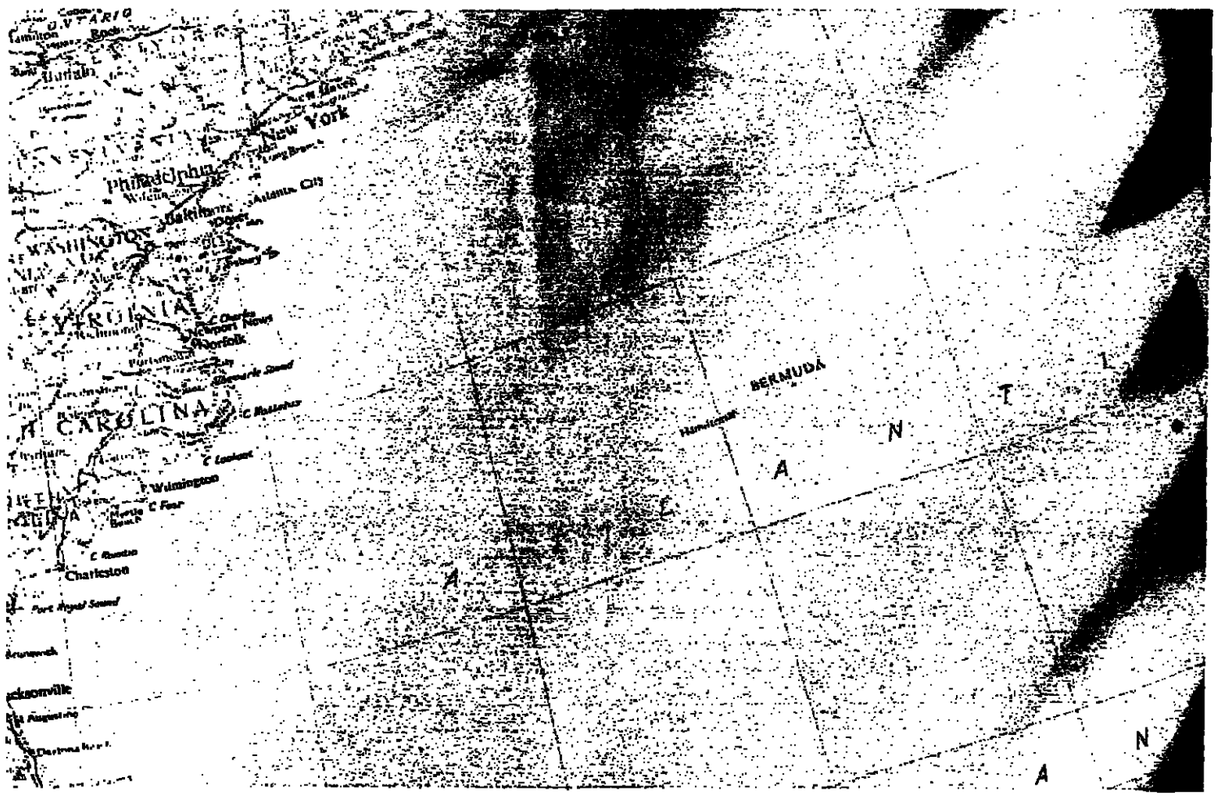
Skyrock, one of three popular national stations for teenage audiences, became the first radio station to be officially silenced since 1945 when the state broadcasting authority ordered it to switch off its transmitters for 24 hours on Monday. Its offence was to broadcast a joke about the murder of a policeman — three times.

The station ignored the ban and is scoring lavish publicity, proclaiming itself a martyr to censorship. Instead of staying silent, it handed its transmitters to listeners to air their thoughts in a day of "radio against violence and for freedom of expression".

Yesterday, with teenagers across France rallying to his cause and pundits meditating on media freedom, Pierre Bellanger, the Skyrock chief, welcomed an official decision on Tuesday to prosecute him. In return, the station would take the CSA, the state authority, to France's Supreme Court, he said.

M Bellanger, 38, who says he is being victimised, has apologised and reprimanded the presenter who interrupted the news last week with an attempt at a jocular comment, repeated twice: "A cop has died in Nice: and that's rather good news."

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Yeltsin decree increases fears for democracy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday moved to consolidate his shaky hold on power when he assumed direct control over the army general staff and threatened to extend his crackdown in Chechenia to the whole of Russia.

In a move that could have serious repercussions for the future of his country as a democracy, the Russian leader appeared to be attempting to extricate himself from the disastrous military campaign in the Caucasus by increasing his central authority.

The decisions were taken at a meeting in the Kremlin between President Yeltsin, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and the Speakers of the two houses of parliament, Vladimir Shumeiko of the Federation Council, and Ivan Rybkin of the Duma, or lower house.

The meeting seemed to confirm two distinct trends in Kremlin politics. Firstly, that President Yeltsin is determined to hold on to power in spite of unprecedented criticism against him at home and abroad. Also, he appears to be *distancing himself from* key political advisers and military chiefs who encouraged him to launch the campaign against Chechenia but failed to deliver a convincing victory.

"We have taken a decision to start immediately disarming illegal armed formations in the whole of Russia because guard units of commercial structures have grown immensely, not only in the Chechen republic, but also in Moscow, St Petersburg and other regions," Mr Shumeiko said after the meeting.

The warning appeared to be aimed at the large and powerful private security firms, many of which have links with the mafia and state security services. Russians are fearful, however, that the move is simply a cover for the authorities to announce a state of emergency and to crack down on growing dissent against the Kremlin.

President Yeltsin made his move as Russia resumed its offensive against the Chechen capital, Grozny. Moscow forces launched new attacks on the Presidential Palace and aircraft screamed overhead, scattering residents. Reports said the palace was hit twice.

Sergei Kovalyov, Russia's human rights commissioner, in a statement faxed from Nazran, in neighbouring Ingushetia, said: "Grozny ruins are full of corpses. These are the corpses of the Russian soldiers. They are being eaten by stray dogs."



Piest: journalist killed in suicide attack

It was reported yesterday that Jochen Piest, a German journalist for the magazine *Stern*, was killed by a Chechen suicide bomber on Tuesday, 40 miles from Grozny.

In Brussels, Nato called for the earliest possible end to violence in Chechenia and for a negotiated, peaceful solution to the conflict.

"While fully recognising the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation, Nato allies are deeply concerned with the developments in Chechenia, especially the tragic loss of life and destruction," a spokesman said. Speaking after Naro ambassadors discussed the crisis, he said the allies appealed to all to proceed on the path of reconciliation.

Earlier in Moscow, the rising death toll, and fears that President Yeltsin is aiming to strengthen his power, led to a heated, but inconclusive emergency debate in the Duma. Efforts by several liberal deputies to push through new legislation that would prevent Mr Yeltsin from using the military to resolve internal disputes, met stiff opposition from powerful conservative and nationalist deputies. "I was one of those who brought Yeltsin to power," said Gleb Yakunin, a liberal MP. "Unfortunately, he is the one who has betrayed our democracy."

In the ensuing row, angry pro-democrat parliamentarians condemned the country's leaders as a group of "war criminals" for the mounting casualty rate among civilians and conscripted Russian soldiers. Ultra-nationalist MPs hit back that the democrats were "traitors" for jeopardising Russian sovereign territory.

"I refuse to call Yeltsin a President any more," said Kara Krys Arakchaa, who held up photographs of civilian casualties.

However, Aleksandr Nevzorov, a former television journalist and now a nationalist deputy, said the soldiers were not being allowed to fulfil their mission. "Let the army act freely ... there should be a media blackout on Chechenia," he said.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel Prize-winning author and former dissident, added his weight to calls for the fighting to stop. He proposed dividing Chechenia into a Russian half, traditional Cossack territory north of the River Terek, and a Chechen half in the ancient tribal lands to the south. "Chechenia should be recognised within its historical borders," said the writer, warning that the conflict could engulf the Caucasus. "Let it be independent, if it wishes to," he added.

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A Chechen girl emerges from a shelled Grozny building in which six people died

Officers told us lies then abandoned us, say bitter Russian soldiers

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN
IN STARY ATAGI, CHECHENIA

JUNIOR Sergeant Alexander Tupolski is supposed to be a crack soldier from an elite unit of the Russian Army, the 22nd Paratroop Brigade. I met him yesterday as a wounded prisoner in the hospital of the Chechen village of Stary Atagi. He and the other 50 men in his unit surrendered on January 7.

Lying in bed with an arm wound, the 18-year-old sergeant said that his unit had been landed by helicopter in the mountains south of Grozny on January 3, with orders to carry out ambushes on Chechen "bandit formations".

No food or tents were dropped with them. "For four days we had nothing to eat and nowhere to sleep. We marched around from place to place. We were forbidden to light fires to keep warm for fear of being seen. Our officers told us nothing and I couldn't tell my men anything." The young man spoke bitterly of repeated radio messages to headquarters to ask for helicopters to pull them out. These were met with the reply that the weather was too bad. Finally, he said, his group came under fire from Chechen forces and surrendered after losing two men killed and two wounded. Russian helicopters then arrived and fired rockets at the place where his unit had just been.

Lying in a bed next to him was Private Valeri Kukayev, driver of an armoured personnel carrier with the 65th Motorised Infantry, who told a similar tale of confusion and incompetence. His armoured unit was sent to Grozny with the first Russian ground assault on the city on New Year's Eve.

He said that his unit received no maps of Grozny and his only orders were to follow the armoured vehicle in front. "But it got lost and ended up following me, so none of us knew where we were going, including our company commander," he said. Private Kukayev's order to follow the vehicle in front was also given to other soldiers interviewed by reporters.

Private Kukayev said that his unit ended up in a confused battle near Grozny railway station, without infantry support and with Chechens firing on them from every side. He said that Lieutenant Chernychenko, his troop commander, gave the order to retreat and immediately fled himself. He and the crews of two other armoured personnel carriers abandoned their vehicles and tried to run, but he was wounded in the foot and his comrades were forced to abandon him.

Both men expressed deep anger with the Russian Government and their own officers. In Sergeant Tupolski's words: "Our officers told us that we were going to help to free the Chechens from bandit groups and mercenaries, but they tricked us. We can see now that ordinary Chechens are against us and that the Russian air force is bombing peaceful civilians."

Tudjman threat to expel UN troops

FROM TIM JUDAH
IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Tudjman of Croatia has said that United Nations peacekeepers stationed in his country must go.

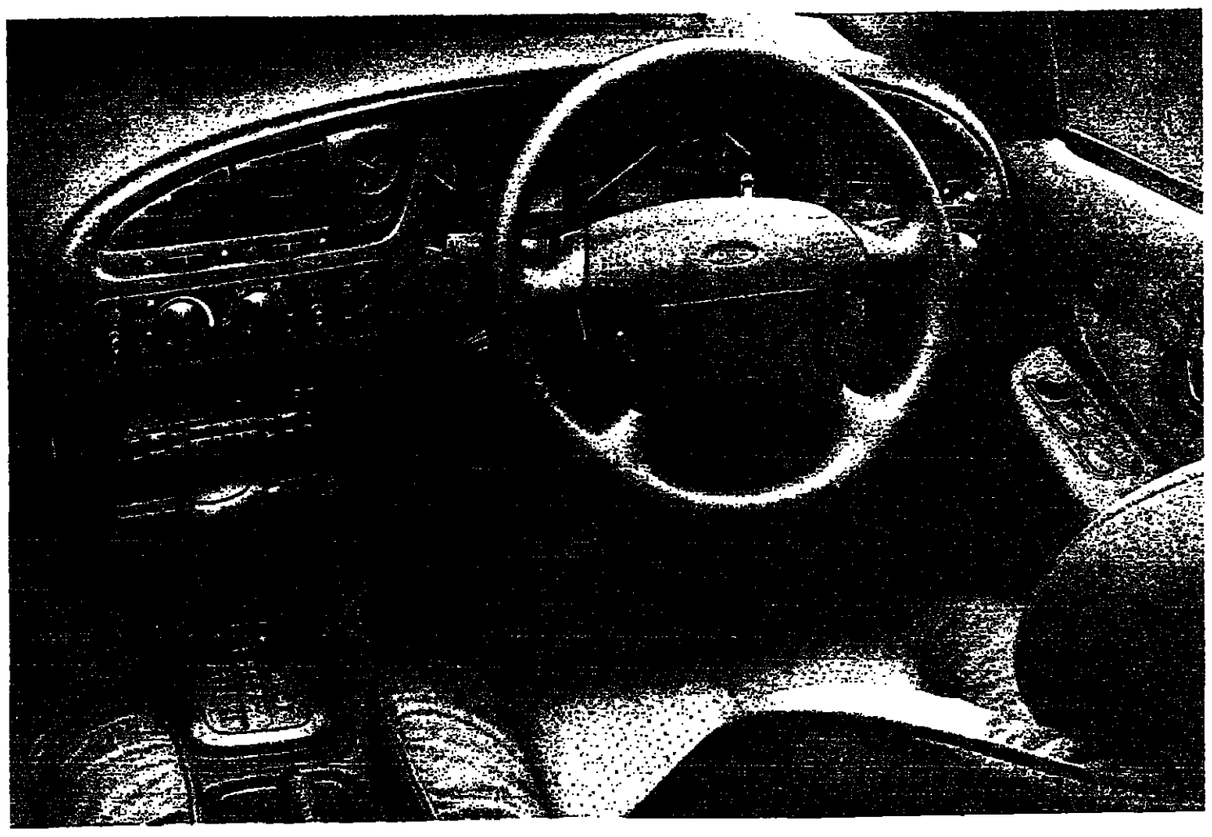
The 15,000-strong force based mainly in the Serb-held areas of the republic have been there since 1992. President Tudjman told foreign ambassadors that because the UN had failed to fulfil its mandate, it would not be renewed when it expired on January 31. The threat to expel the "blue helmets" came as diplomats from the five-nation Contact Group began a tour of former Yugoslavia aimed at reviving the Bosnian peace process.

Nikica Valentic, the Croatian Prime Minister, said during a visit to Peking that the decision had been taken because the UN had helped to maintain the status quo in Krajina, the Serb-held part of Croatia. He said that the UN "is providing aid to the Serbs, through giving oil and food to them".

The Croatian threat was *met by an offer from Krajina* to host the UN headquarters at its capital, Knin. At present, the UN headquarters for the whole of former Yugoslavia is in Zagreb, the Croatian capital. However, Branko Filipovic, a senior Krajina Foreign Ministry official, said that he doubted that the Croatian threat was real because "they do not have enough manpower to mount a full-scale attack and our army is more than able to fulfil its duties".

In private, UN officials said they were sceptical that the Croats would expel them. They noted that such threats were a traditional pressure tactic used against the UN before the mandate expired. In the meantime, diplomats from the Contact Group countries of Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany came to Belgrade to meet President Milosevic of Serbia. Today they are expected to go on to Sarajevo and then to the Bosnian Serb headquarters at Pale.

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California thrown into chaos by mud and floods

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MUDSLIDES, traffic jams and flooding on an epic scale brought chaos to much of California yesterday as the San Francisco area emerged saturated from more than a week of rain. At the same time, the latest in a series of vengeful Pacific storms closed in on Los Angeles.

President Clinton declared 24 counties in the Golden State as federal disaster areas after a day of five flood-related deaths, $41 million (£26 million) in damage and the mass evacuation of flooded homes.

He assured flood victims yesterday that the federal Government would be "with you for the long haul" in coping with their latest disaster. "You are a people who come together in times of crisis," he said in a message released for broadcast. "The American people are with you."

The President will visit California on Monday and Tuesday. The trip was originally planned to mark the anniversary of the Northridge earthquake, which killed 61 Californians last January.

More rain than parts of southern California expect in a year fell in less than a day, turning normally dry valley floors into rampaging rivers and temporarily sealing off the coastal resort of Malibu — victim of an apparently endless cycle of natural calamities — with walls of mud and rock.

Huey rescue helicopters from the Vietnam era shuttled up and down the coast between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, plucking bemused and homeless people and a stranded dog from islands in the floodwaters. "January has not been our month," said an evacuee from Santa Paula, north of Los Angeles, who moved there after her San Fernando Valley home was destroyed in the Northridge earthquake a year ago.

Flowers and pot plants were distributed free to bystanders by a distraught nursery owner, whose shop at the entrance of one of Malibu's canyons had become famous for surviving previous floods and fires. Its rear wall was finally ripped away when the canyon's creek became a torrent on Tuesday night. The scene was floodlit by television crews.

Elsewhere on the Pacific Coast Highway, expensive sports cars drowned in mud. A woman paced her rooftop, chanting: "Out, out. Stop the rain." She explained that she was not "freaking out", merely "calling to the elementals". Her pleas were in vain.



After a brief respite and a spectacular evening rainbow, the rain returned, with yet another storm system developing off the coast. Forecasters said it would hit southern California yesterday in what one meteorologist called a "1,000-year precipitation".

Experts are blaming the unprecedented rains on a so-called "storm door" forced open by 190mph jet-stream winds that have driven off the high-pressure system that normally sits off the California coast, bringing its famous sunshine. The high pressure has been replaced by vast amounts of moisture generated thousands of miles away in the Western Pacific.

The storms, carrying unseasonably warm water, may be a symptom of a slight rise in the temperature of the ocean's tropical reaches, according to some researchers.

As southern California digs itself out of Tuesday's storm debris and braces itself for more, floodwaters are finally falling in the devastated Russian River area north of San Francisco. But more rain is forecast for the weekend.

In Malibu, a British resident surveyed the wreckage. "Yes, it's like this now," Gabriel Piotrowski, a businessman and volleyball player, said. "But next week we'll be back on the beach."



Vid Mario, 67, is lifted to safety by Eric Fetherston, a fireman, after his pick-up truck was trapped while he was trying to cross the Placerita river in California

US hails Japanese concession on trade

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

A BIG trade concession by Tokyo paved the way for what officials hoped would be a harmonious White House meeting yesterday between President Clinton and Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister.

As Mr Murayama arrived in Washington on Tuesday night, Japan agreed to open parts of its heavily protected financial sector, allowing American investment firms to compete to manage about $1,000 billion (£641 billion) in pension funds.

Frank Newman, the acting US Treasury Secretary, called this a "dramatic opening" and a "major accomplishment", although American money managers said that the Japanese could still stall implementation of the agreement.

Mr Clinton and Mr Murayama are both weak politically, and although the American deficit with Japan reached a record $62 billion last year, the two leaders seemed anxious to avoid a repeat of the last summit in February 1994, which ended in open disagreement on trade demands from Washington.

Further dismantling of Japanese trade barriers remained high on Mr Clinton's agenda, but the watchword was co-operation, not confrontation.

Mr Murayama wanted to ensure that this year's 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War did not become an occasion for further recriminations against Japan. American veterans have forced the Smithsonian Institution to reconsider an exhibition that criticised the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the US Postal Service has abandoned a proposed stamp showing the Hiroshima mushroom cloud. On his arrival, Mr Murayama laid a wreath at the Arlington military cemetery.

The two men were also to discuss America's commitment to Japan's security in an unstable East Asia, and joint efforts to end North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

Later yesterday, Mr Murayama was to become the first foreign leader to meet Newt Gingrich since he became House Speaker.

Police kill escaped murderer

New York: Police in Florida have killed one of the five murderers who tunnelled out of a maximum security jail last week and recaptured another (James Bone writes).

Armando Junco was shot dead and Florencio Alvarez was arrested after a shoot-out with police in a Miami suburb on Tuesday night. Junco, 62, was a drug gang leader convicted of murdering two rivals, and Alvarez, 39, killed his room-mate after a dispute over a bag of marijuana.

Street clashes

Athens: Anarchists broke away from a Greek student march, threw petrol bombs and stones at riot police, and set up burning barricades. Three people were injured and five arrested. *(Reuter)*

Belorussia joins

Brussels: Belorussia has become the 24th country to join Partnership for Peace, Nato's military and political co-operation plan that stops short of full membership for former Warsaw Pact countries. *(AP)*

Envoy named

Alan Goulty is to replace Peter Streams as Britain's Ambassador to Sudan. Mr Streams was expelled a year ago over a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury to rebel-held territory.

Freed on bail

Cairo: An Egyptian, arrested for allegedly throwing his wife out of the window of their second-floor flat for not having his meal ready when he returned from work, was freed on £7.80 bail. *(AFP)*

Bus killing

Tunis: Suspected Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas shot dead 11 people and wounded six on a bus at Batna in Algeria's eastern radical stronghold, the official APS news agency said. *(Reuter)*

Trigger-happy

Khyber Pass: Pakistani tribesmen dancing in honour of William Perry, the visiting American Defence Secretary, alarmed his bodyguards by firing into the air in time to the music. *(Reuter)*

Sex offender law attacked after vigilante neighbours' assault

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A LAW in New Jersey requiring that people are told when a sex offender moves into their neighbourhood was heavily criticised yesterday after two men allegedly broke into the house of a paroled child molester and beat up the wrong man.

"Megan's Law" was enacted last autumn to allay public concern about the death of a seven-year-old girl named Megan Kanka, who was raped and murdered by a man believed to be a twice-convicted sex offender. The legislation, which is being challenged in the courts, requires the authorities to notify the public of the presence of a released sex offender.

In accordance with the new rules, police warned local schools and distributed leaflets door-to-door in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, when Michael Groff was freed into the community last month after serving four years of a ten-year sentence for sexually molesting his daughter and a young boy.

Last Sunday before dawn, two masked men allegedly broke into the house where Mr Groff was living and said they were looking for the "child molester". One of the men then attacked a sleeping guest whom he claimed he mistook for Mr Groff.

The man's girlfriend stopped the attacker by hitting him with a frying pan and called the police. Mr Groff, 25, slept through the commotion.

Police have charged two neighbours, Kenneth Kerkes, 52, and his son, Kenneth, 22, with burglary and assault. If convicted, they face up to ten years in jail.

The state Attorney-General's office, which is responsible for enforcing "Megan's Law", denounced the attack as unacceptable, and civil liberties groups said it proved the measure encouraged "vigilantism". Courts in Alaska, Arizona, California, Illinois and New Hampshire have struck out community notification statutes as unconstitutional. They have, however, upheld provisions calling for the creation of registries that help police to track convicted sex offenders.

Mr Groff told a local newspaper after the attack that he himself would challenge "Megan's Law" in court. "I'm seeing my lawyer," he said. "I ain't messing around no more."

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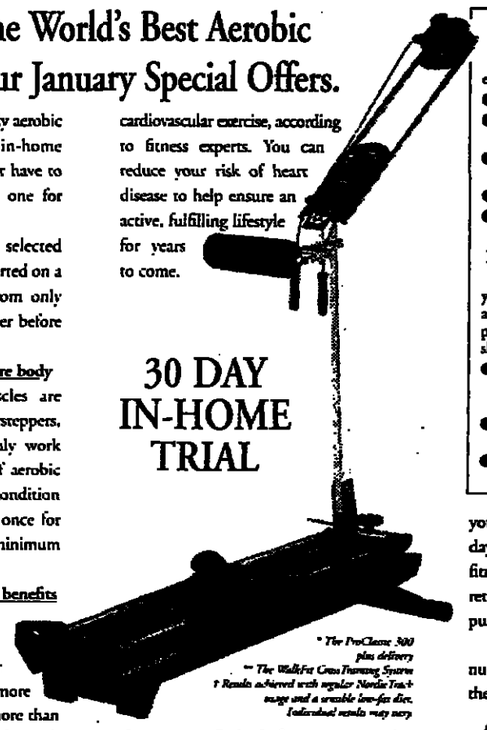
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Simpson book to help pay defence

BY GILES WHITTELL

LAWYERS for O.J. Simpson, the former football star, have indicated they will argue that wife beaters are not necessarily wife killers in an attempt to limit the amount of evidence about domestic violence at his murder trial.

Prosecutors are expected to try to introduce a host of potentially explosive evidence, including Mr Simpson's no-contest plea to a wife-beating charge and the dramatic call by Nicole Simpson for police help before her murder.

Mr Simpson, whose trial is to begin in earnest next week, is said to have been paid $1 million (£642,000) for *I Want to Tell You*, a jailhouse memoir being published next month with a taped version he recorded in his cell. Proceeds are intended to help pay for his defence. The book was co-written by Lawrence Schiller, a former neighbour of Mr Simpson who assisted Norman Mailer with *The Executioner's Song*.

As a money-spinner, however, it may prove a disappointment. A state law revised last year to ensure fair trials for people like Mr Simpson by restricting publication of evidence related to proceeding court cases may require profits to go towards the costs of poorer fellow prisoners.

Arafat aide says Jewish expansion will halt talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI troops and Arab demonstrators clashed over building work at another settlement in the occupied West Bank yesterday. At the same time, a leading member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and close aide of Yassir Arafat, its chairman, called for the suspension of peace talks unless the continued expansion of Jewish enclaves stopped.

Yassir Abed Rabbo, the Minister of Information for the Palestinian National Authority, made his demand in an angry interview with Israel radio.

The settlements are among many that Jewish residents are seeking to expand into thousands of acres of conquered land claimed by the Palestinians.

With the emotive settlement issue now re-emerging as the main threat to the ailing 16-month-old peace treaty, Mr Arafat has tried to persuade America to intervene to prevent all forms of settlement expansion. The US State Department has admitted for the first time that the settlements are a problem.

Yesterday's clash took place as about 200 Palestinians tried to march to a new building site at the settlement of Alei Zahav. Israeli troops fired percussion grenades and the protesters threw stones.

The violence erupted when Palestinians from the village of Kufr al-Deek, southwest of the Arab city of Nablus, tried to break through an army roadblock set up to keep them from the area where settlers had begun to build an industrial park. The Labour Government has refused to halt expansion work on the 144 Jewish settlements already built on land occupied since 1967 as the PLO has repeatedly demanded.

The settlement battle has exposed a basic contradiction in the peace deal negotiated in Oslo, which envisaged Palestinian autonomy being gradually expanded through an area inhabited by at least 120,000 Jewish colonisers.

Mr Abed Rabbo, appointed by Mr Arafat to investigate the initial pre-Christmas dispute at Efrat, near Bethlehem, said that Tuesday's clash at Elkana, where settlers started bulldozing contested land, was even more serious than the Efrat incident.

Announcing that a meeting of the Palestinian authority, chaired by Mr Arafat, would be convened soon to confront the settlement issue, Mr Abed Rabbo said: "This is the end of the road. Either these activities stop and settlers withdraw from confiscated land or the authority will have to take a serious and decisive decision."

Writing in the daily newspaper *Haaretz*, an Israeli journalist, Danny Rubenstein, noted that about 23,000 Jewish housing units were planned on occupied territory over the next few years, about half in annexed east Jerusalem. "The information shatters any remnant of the Palestinian illusion that the Oslo accord will bring about either an Israeli withdrawal from significant territories in the West Bank or that eastern Jerusalem can ever serve as a Palestinian capital," Mr Rubenstein said.

Nissam Smolianski, "operations officer" for the Council of Jewish settlements in Judaea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza, said that operations to stake a Jewish claim to contested land would take place over the coming weeks.

"We are doing what the Government should be doing, preserving the land so they [the Palestinians] do not steal it," Mr Smolianski said.

Torture 'was covered up'

Jerusalem: The head of Shin Beth, Israel's security services, has been accused of covering up cases of torture by his agents. A report by the State Comptroller's office found the Shin Beth chief hid from Yitzhak Shamir, the former Prime Minister, the results of an inquiry into torture in 1990 and 1991. *(AFP)*

Outcry over Mensa call to kill 'defectives'

BY JAMES BONE

CALLS for the extermination of "defective" people and creation of a "master race" in an American Mensa newsletter drew furious criticism yesterday in the United States and from the British wing of the high-IQ society.

A monthly newsletter published by the Los Angeles chapter of Mensa, which accepts as members only people with IQ scores of 148 and above, provoked outrage by printing two articles proposing euthanasia and calling for re-examination of the "master race" notion.

One article, written by Jon Evans, stated: "The vast majority (of homeless people) are too stupid, too lazy, too crazy, or too anti-social to earn a living". It concluded that they "should be done away with, like abandoned kittens". He wrote: "A piece of meat in the shape of a man but without a mind is not a human being, whether the body be deathly ill, damaged by accident, mentally blank because of brain deficiency, or criminally insane. Those people who are so mentally defective that they cannot live in society should, as soon as they are identified as defective, be humanely dispatched."

The other article, by a lawyer named Jason Brent, argued that Hitler's extermination of the Jews had the unfortunate effect of preventing serious discussion of a "master race". He wrote: "Society must face the concept that we kill off the old, weak, the stupid and the inefficient."

Although the newsletter carries a disclaimer making clear Mensa does not endorse the views of the writers — both members — the issue containing the articles raised a storm of controversy among the 2,000 Mensa members in Los Angeles.

Bruce Kent, publications officer and board member of American Mensa, said the organisation took a dim view of "hate material". Harold Gale, the executive director of Mensa in Britain, said: "One Adolf Hitler was enough for this century. If we would have got rid of disabled people we would have lost Ludwig van Beethoven and Dr Stephen Hawking."

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Singapore opens debate on dissent in a nanny state

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SINGAPORE

THE authoritarian Singaporean Government is attempting to define the limits of political debate that it will tolerate in the island city-state, which has moved from squalor to become a world economic power in three decades.

Singapore has declared disdain for Western-style democracy and made clear its determination to retain firm control over most aspects of daily life. "There will always be some limits to openness and consultation," a government statement declared, although it promised wider limits for expression "as our society becomes better educated and more mature."

With little crime, no bureaucratic or political corruption, zero unemployment, no homelessness or poverty, Singapore might seem a model country. It plainly regards itself as a superior society in many respects to Western nations, which it sees as decadent and decaying.

Singapore is pristine: a sanitised, contrived serenity makes it the envy of other South-East Asian countries. For all this, hints of dissent surface through the controls over press and broadcasting media. Active opposition is dealt with sternly, although without the brutality typical of other countries in the region.

"Singapore's society is changing," Chan Heng Wing, Press Secretary to Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, said yesterday. "Public discussion of issues and the way the country is governed have changed from a generation ago. As this young society matures, the boundaries of debate will expand, but this will be done gradually, bearing in mind the different pulls and strains of a multi-ethnic society."

A restrained debate has been going on in recent months over the limits of openness the Government should permit. It began with an uncommonly forthright letter published in Singapore's *Sunday Times* from Catherine Lim, an author, who criticised the Prime Minister for giving up his promise of a people-orientated style of government



Lee: treated Singapore's people like children

when he came to power four years ago. The Prime Minister's office responded fiercely. "A gentler, more open political style does not mean allowing crudity and obscenity to pass off as avant-garde theatre, or ignoring political criticism which masquerades as artistic expression," it declared.

The Prime Minister wrote to Ms Lim, telling her: "I have to set out the out-of-bounds markers clearly, so that everyone knows the limits of openness and consultation." Those limits did not include demolishing respect for the Prime Minister and his Government by systematic contempt and denigration in the media.

The angry responses were a measure of the Government's sensitivity to criticism. Taxi drivers, when carrying foreigners, are inclined to mock the battery of rules that make this the ultimate nanny state. Chewing gum is banned, it is an offence not to flush a public toilet, and there are stiff penalties for discarding a cigarette end in the street. A gong goes off inside taxis when they exceed the speed limit, and lights automatically flash on speeding lorries.

But with 10 per cent economic growth last year and ever-increasing living standards, Singaporeans evidently approve of their Government's achievements even if many are weary of its hectoring, patronising and pervasive presence in their lives.

The shadow of Lee Kuan Yew, founder of modern Singapore, looms over the political scene. He is a Cabinet member with the title of Senior Minister, and continues to pull many strings. It is generally assumed that his son, Brigadier-General Lee Hsien Loong, 43, will in due course become Prime Minister if his health permits. He has had cancer, which is in remission.

As Prime Minister, Mr Lee treated his people rather like errant children. Much the same attitude is being adopted by his successor, whose promise of a kindler and gentler Singapore has given way to a pragmatic priority defined simply as "good government which produces results."

UN social policy summit shunned

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
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LEADING industrial nations are proving reluctant to back the first world summit for social development in contrast to the concern they showed for the global environment.

About 70 heads of state have promised to attend the United Nations summit, which is due to take place in Copenhagen in March. While Asia, Latin America and Africa are well-represented, the West is not. France is the only member of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations to agree to attend.

The summit is billed as the start of a "global drive for social progress". Nitin Desai, the UN under-secretary in charge, denied yesterday that industrial countries were snubbing the event and said they could still sign up. Speaking in London, he said the draft declaration of nine commitments to overcome poverty and promote employment was a significant advance on previous statements.



Deng Xioaping in Peking last October in his first public appearance for eight months

Chinese release picture of Deng

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN HONG KONG

A PHOTOGRAPH of Deng Xiaoping making his first public appearance in eight months was released yesterday by a semi-official Chinese news agency.

The picture shows him watching fireworks on China's National Day last October. Mr Deng's previous appearance, when he was barely able to walk, was at the Chinese New Year last February. Many people are concerned at the effect of his possible failure to appear at this year's festival at the end of this month.

There have been several reports in recent weeks that the 90-year-old paramount leader is dead or dying. But official spokesmen have insisted he is in good health.

The picture was released by the Hong Kong branch of the China News Service, which said that it was taken at the Zhongnanhai residence, near the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, used by Communist Party leaders.

Court urged to jail doctor



McGown: practised in Harare for 20 years

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

RADICAL students brandished placards reading: "White man, your time has come" outside Harare's High Court yesterday as Mr Justice Paddington Garwe considered sentence on Dr Richard Gladwell McGown, 57, a Scottish anaesthetist.

After 20 years practising in Zimbabwe, Dr McGown was convicted on Tuesday of killing two black patients by negligence. They died after he gave them morphine injections at the base of the spine as an anaesthetic.

Mr Justice Garwe cleared Dr McGown on three other counts, all originally framed as murder when politicians of the ruling Zanu(PF) party claimed that he conducted Nazi-style experiments on hundreds of black women and children.

After hearing prosecution demands for a jail term, countered by defence reminders that a local doctor was recently fined less than £300 for killing a patient, Judge Garwe extended Dr McGown's £20,000 bail and said he would pass sentence soon.

In his closing address, Patrick Chinamasa, the Attorney-General and Cabinet Minister who led the prosecution, demanded: "What demon has turned an otherwise skilful doctor ... into a quack doctor or messenger of death stalking our hospitals?"

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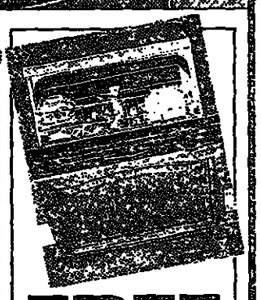
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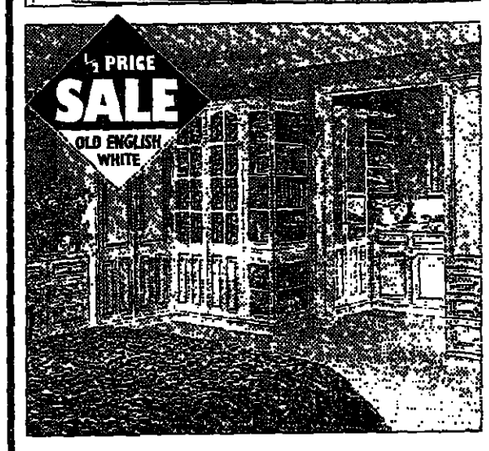


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RACHEL KELLY

JAMES LEITH IS Prue Leith's brother, Penny Junor's husband and Sir John Junor's son-in-law. In his time he has dabbled in acting, catering and journalism. But despite a regular column in *The Caterer and Hotelkeeper* magazine, fame so far has eluded him.

Until this week. The publication of his book *Ironing John* could arguably make him better known that his illustrious relations. The book describes a year in his life as house-husband: a chap who cleans, shops, and cooks at home while his wife goes out to work.

This catapults him into a unique position in the debates that rage around gender. He says he is grateful to writers such as Germaine Greer, Andrea Dworkin, Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Neil Lyndon and Robert Bly who have contributed much to our understanding of role reversal. (In fact, the book's title is a joking reference to Bly's he-man bible, *Iron John*.)

But such authors are not men who stay at home while their wives go out to work. They are not responsible for four children aged between seven and 21, an extremely stupid, farting Great Dane called Ballou, four cats, six chickens, two geese, a guinea-pig, a six-bedroom Wiltshire country house with subsidence, a 12-acre garden which includes two paddocks and a vegetable garden, and the aforementioned working wife.

He talks and writes with the authority of one who has done and continues to do it. Others can theorise as much as they like, but Leith's views have the authenticity of one who has removed a "half-expelled but undigested Sainsbury's carrier bag from the backside of a distressed and very astonished Great Dane". Till you have, you haven't lived, he says. Nor, he might have added, should you extemporise on the sex war.

He stayed at home because he had to. In 1992, his restaurant in south London, *The Punter's Pie*, wasn't making money. Penny had been commissioned to write a biography of John Major and was making more money than he could as a presenter of BBC2's *The Travel Show*.



Wiltshire house-husband James Leith with daughter Peta

"The home helps and gardeners were long gone, mostly through poverty," he says. "The heavenly mother-in-law was fully occupied in protecting her own cottage from the marauding Goths disguised as our two smallest children, the biographer from the broom cupboard had a year in which to complete a book on the present Prime Minister, and I was out of work. 'Tell you what,' I heard myself saying, 'you write the book, write the articles and do the telly and and I'll do the rest!' "

Two years later he offers the following conclusions. Housework is mind-numbingly boring and exhausting. Like the Forth Railway Bridge, it is never finished. "Men who refer to their wives as sitting at home doing nothing all day don't know what they are talking about," he says. "I'm absolutely shattered by four o'clock in the afternoon."

We knew that. But his second conclusion is more interesting. The real problem with being the domestic linchpin of your family is not the job itself. With time you can learn how to nose-wipe and cat-feed. You can diffuse this "bloody boring" job by listening to *Woman's Hour* and console yourself with children who hug you as easily as they hug their mother.

But you can't control the reactions of others. Both sexes have proved hostile to Leith. Women at the school-gate are suspicious. Is he a child abuser or a rapist? "Many women, no matter how much they may have been at the forefront of female liberation, are anxious about the idea of men being in exclusive charge of young children," he says.

RESEARCH confirms this. Male nursery nurses are having to leave the profession for lack of work because they are not accepted as appropriate guardians for young children.

Men were no better. Male tennis partners joke about Leith playing in washing-up gloves. Chaps down the pub ask where his squeezy mop is — though they may confess after a few drinks that they wished they saw more of their children.

Leith has coped because he is a relaxed, humorous sort with a big smile in what is obviously a happy marriage. Penny supported his decision and with plenty of job-related status of her own, she did not hanker for the trappings of corporate success from her husband. It might have been different if his status had been defined by a high-powered job before, he says, or if he was a "laddish, rugger-bugger type who thinks that if you don't do the carving, your balls will fall off".

It is not a recipe for many men, he says. Leith has met other house-husbands, but they are few. Some have been damaged by their lack of status and their fears that after years at home they will never get back onto the greasy pole.

The irony is that with the publication of his book, Leith may have the financial resources to put down his mop. If it proved a bestseller, he would get a cleaner, though he would like to continue with the rewarding job of looking after the children. And he would try and write another book, this time about catering.

Ultimately, Penny might become known as his wife, Prue as his sister, and Sir John as his father-in-law. You never know.

● *Ironing John: The Housework's tale* is published by Doubleday, £14.99.

Tom Rhodes reports on the first yachtswomen competing for the America's Cup

DANIEL FORSTER



Recruited from 678 applicants, *America*³'s crew has already left its America's Cup competitors — including Dennis Conner — trailing in other races

Sailing for the Holy Grail

The crew includes eight Olympic athletes, a deaf bodybuilder featured on *American Gladiators*, an aerospace engineer and three mothers of small children. They are probably 29 of the best-known women in America who have dared enter and then succeed in a competition considered the preserve of men — the America's Cup.

When Queen Victoria reluctantly spawned its title by handing a silver jug to a team of sailors in 1851 she could never have imagined that more than a century later a group of women would replace the Vanderbilts or even, for that matter, the Alan Bonds or Ted Turners as one of the most dynamic sailing teams to set sail in 1995.

Today in San Diego, the women of *America*³ begin the first in a series of gruelling round-robin heats against the veteran Dennis Conner and another all-male crew, *PACT '95*, to determine who will compete in the world's most famous yacht race. Simultaneously, seven foreign syndicates are confronting each other for a spot in May when the American defender and the foreign challenger will vie for the best of nine races.

Recruited from 678 applicants by Bill Koch, the 1992 winner, the athletic females — ranging in age from 21 to 36 — are almost all sun-bleached blondes with broad, strong shoulders. There are two Sarahs, two Stephanies and two Merrits, graduates from Yale, Cornell and Wesleyan, three Olympic medallists and three former yachtwomen of the year as well as two world-class weightlifters and an engineer who works in Nasa's microgravity division.

> Dennis Conner branded *America*³ women a 'bunch of lesbians'

When the team was established, it was treated with disdain both by the media and by male contenders. With women controlling the helm and the mainsail, *America*³ could never be anything more than a publicity stunt, they believed.

But soon papers and television stations in every state clamoured for interviews as the women became icons for the most basic of conflicts between the sexes.

And then, of course, there has been the question of whether the women will tolerate each other's company. When Tracy Edwards, the British skipper of *Maiden* and an all-women crew, returned home to some acclaim after the Whitbread Round the World Race, there were complaints that she had been both a tyrant and a bad leader on board. The women had apparently fought continuously.

Those on the American yacht are convinced, however, that they have a singular advantage when it comes to team spirit and tactics. "The men have traditional ideas about the race having to do with strength," Merritt Palm, one of the youngest crew members, says. "Women are more analytical, more organised. We think things through differently."

In November last year, the team proved their capabilities and there was not the faintest sign of a squabble. Imagine the embarrassment among the more reactionary of the New York YC's fraternity when the team finished a very respectable second to the Australians at the International World Championships off San Diego. Dennis Conner, the world's best known sailor, and *PACT '95*, had been left trailing far behind.

Previously, Mr Conner had been less than polite about their impressive athletic credentials. At a regatta dinner in Newport, Rhode Island, last August he branded the women a "bunch of lesbians". This had prompted Annie Nelson, the team navigator and mother of two, to douse him with her rum and coke.

"It just showed his insecurity," Mrs Nelson, whose husband Bruce is working for the opposition, said yesterday. "The last thing he can afford to do is lose to a bunch of women. We are breaking barriers here. All he has managed to do is make us even more eager to beat him and I think we have a very good chance."

In fact, as most knowledgeable sailors recognise, their hopes of victory rest largely with the equipment provided. Mr Koch, 54, the iconoclastic Kansan heir to an oil fortune, has been liberal in his provision of resources. He spent $68 million (£43 million) for his own victory three years ago and has handed down two of his best yachts for training as well as a veritable treasure trove of sails, masts, navigational equipment and design data.

He has further contributed $5 million for start-up costs, luring among others 90 coaches and a former trainer for the Padres, the San Diego baseball team. The millionaire has been accused of trying to raise his profile at a time when a legal wrangle with his two brothers over the shares in the family business, Koch Industries, is due to come to court.

Even Mr Conner, presumably assisted by the good offices of his publicist, has changed his tune. "This is great for everyone in the America's Cup," he said recently. "When interest goes up, if TV ratings are better, then my sponsors are happier, too."

Rise and fall of the poster modern

Giles Coren laments the end of Athena, purveyor of art to the masses

To talk of the death of the poster would be unnecessarily dramatic. But the announcement that the Athena poster chain will cease trading immediately, after receivers failed to sell it off, will bring a tear to many an eye. Particularly to those who themselves bought the tear-eyed harlequins in air-brushed pinks and blues that Athena once peddled so mercilessly to the nation's teenagers.

There was Che Guevara, Lord Kitchener, Botticelli's *Birth of Venus*, and the ubiquitous itchy-bottomed tennis-player. There were the specially commissioned monochrome photographs of babies, side by side with the Robert Doisneaus and the cheesy tongue-touching women with personal stereos and electric haircuts.

They are gone for ever. After losing £5 million in the first half of 1994, and blaming it on demographic shrinkage and the housing slump, the company that first burst onto Oxford Street in the late 1960s has felt the axe of the the holding group, Pentos. Most of the 157 outlets will cease trading.

Some may wonder why Athena failed. More will probably want to know why it ever succeeded. But the sudden decline in public interest must offer some telling clues to the change in Britain's artistic tastes over the past 25 years.

Michael Heseltine, a Sotheby's consultant who specialises in posters, minced no words. "They were just large images you could stick on the wall, poster-sized prints rather than 'real' posters. They were ideal for young people of the early 1970s, weaned on album covers and Peter Blake.



Athena's scratch player

"As well as their trademark posters, Athena offered reproductions of the great pictures, which could be bought for next to nothing. Whoever started it off really had his finger on the pulse. There was a revival of interest, for example, in Art-Nouveau, but where an original Lautrec poster might cost £30,000, you could go and pick it up in Athena for pennies."

Patrick Bogue, poster expert at Onslow's auctioneers, turned his mind to the decline: "Inexpensive wall-covering is all they were, and in the 1970s posters were the trendy thing to have, particularly for adolescent bedroom walls and student digs. In the Nineties fashions have changed. The generation who bought at Athena during the Conran-led home-decor craze of the period might now be looking for original posters, which are booming even as the Athena-type picture declines. Perhaps if Athena had turned to reproducing 30's and 40's advertisements, reflecting the originals market, they might have survived. But would anyone today be seen dead with that tennis girl on their wall?"

Not photographer Mitch Jenkins, who dabbled with Athena some years ago. "I'd seen their heavily formulaic images around, and I thought 'this is simple'. After selling them an old picture of mine I decided to do one specifically for their market. I put a pretty boy and a very pretty girl on a big motor-bike and called it 'City Limits', it was one of their best-sellers of the year and made me about £5,000. The picture summed up the sad state of the youth of the time, happy to aspire to a pretty, thin, ripped-jean-wearing lifestyle — rather than thinking for themselves."

Jenkins has a point. Kitsch value apart, the trademark Athena pictures were uniformly vacant — and paraded their disposability in a way the youth of the Nineties obviously finds insipid. Perhaps the company's decline represents a welcome backlash from our teenagers against the junk culture they have been forced to inherit.

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Two sides of Marie Curie



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More than 5,000 Marie Curie nurses serve the whole of the United Kingdom. They work long shifts and if necessary a nurse will stay overnight, or throughout the day. Their service enables many seriously ill patients to be nursed at home; in 1993-94 a Marie Curie nurse was in attendance in a third of all cases in which patients had died in their own home. Last year they looked after 18,674 people, a 31 per cent increase over the last four years. Marie Curie nurses can be contacted through the local district nurse or GP.

The Marie Curie Foundation's interest in cancer is not confined to home nursing; it also runs a research institute at Oxted in Surrey. The institute undertakes basic scientific research into the mechanisms responsible for the development of cancer, the results of which can then be used by doctors and other scientists engaged in clinical medicine.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Recently the attention of one research team, led by Dr Margaret Knowles, has turned to the genetic profile of bladder tumours. Cancer of the bladder is becoming more common. In men it is now the fourth most common cancer (British men are three times as likely to develop it as women). The cause of cancer of the bladder usually remains undiscovered, albeit that some cases are related to smoking, others to bilharzia, a tropical parasite, or to bladder stones. There are racial differences in the incidence but no obvious familial tendency.

There are three main types of bladder cancer: the most common is transitional cell carcinoma; the squamous cell carcinoma is less common; and least often seen of all is the adenocarcinoma. Squamous cell cancers, sometimes the late result of bilharzia or bladder stones, are highly malignant.

The interest in Oxted centres on the transitional cell cancer which varies in malignancy from the 20 per cent or so which are poorly differentiated and rapidly invasive to the 80 per cent which are well differentiated and usually relatively benign. The former need radical surgery and potentially toxic therapy. Of the 80 per cent which are well differentiated four out of five recover with local surgery but the remaining one in five, despite their relatively benign microscopic appearance, are also destined to become invasive.

At the moment doctors are unable to differentiate between the potentially rogue transitional cell tumour and the one which can be treated with cystoscopy, local excision, a reassuring pat on the back and a summons for a check in a year's time.

There's now optimism that Dr Margaret Knowles's research at Oxted on the genetic profiling of tumours will in time enable doctors to distinguish the potentially invasive transitional cell cancer from the one of low malignancy. In the meanwhile patients should report any bleeding into their urine at once; and doctors should take every opportunity of testing urine not only for sugar and protein but also for blood which may be invisible to the naked eye.

Hip hooray



DARREN Gough was carried off the field on Tuesday with a stress fracture of one of the bones of his left foot, the foot which takes the impact when he hurls the ball down the wicket. Cricketers are not alone in suffering stress fractures; the feet of recruits pounding the square during their initial training are subjected to such a battering that frequently one of the metatarsal bones snaps.

Frail-boned osteoporotic women, whether anorexic ballet dancers or fashionably thin post-menopausal Knightsbridge ladies, also suffer spontaneous fractures in the metatarsals of the feet; in the latter instance sometimes after an unaccustomed hard day's walking at the winter sales.

For every cricketer or ballet dancer whose bones protest at excessive stress by fracturing, there are tens of thousands of athletes and heavy workers whose joints are eroded by repetitive wear. Liza Minnelli, for instance, is one of the 250,000 people worldwide, 50,000 in Britain alone, who have had a replacement hip joint last year. The good news for these patients is that the Atomic Energy Authority's commercial division, working with a Cirencester-based firm Corin Medical, is developing a new carbon-fibre hip joint implant. The joint is as strong as the traditional metal implant and less stiff. There is hope that expertise gained in the aerospace industry may extend the usefulness of a replacement hip joint beyond its presently estimated life of 15 years.

Swallow tale



OVER the new year the press in Japan follows the death rate from oesophageal obstruction as closely as British papers monitor drunken driving. The Japanese are fond of riceballs, every bit as solid as Norfolk dumplings, but more sticky. In the excitement of the occasion, diners who are too animated to chew their food properly — or, perhaps have had one saké too many — may swallow the riceballs whole so that there is a danger that they may lodge in the oesophagus (gullet). The mortality this year was particularly high.

In Britain, as in Japan, too much alcohol can occasionally encourage people to gulp their food unchewed; but the usual reason why food starts to stick on the way down is that there is a narrowing of the lumen of the oesophagus. If from the start of symptoms both fluids and solid foods seem to pass through with difficulty, the trouble is likely to be with the muscles of the oesophagus. A narrowing of the oesophagus is commonly the result of malignant disease, stricture from recurrent ulceration or following the formation of a ring of thick muscle, a "Schatzki's ring", in the lower oesophagus.

Whatever the suspected cause, anybody who notices that food is no longer slipping easily down from the mouth to the stomach, but that it seems to stick en route, needs urgent investigation.

At last a way forward for men who are infertile

Aileen Ballantyne reports on a scientific development that should bring hope to thousands of couples

GUY NEWMAN



Two-week-old William with his parents, who turned to a new test-tube baby technique as a last resort

William Salter is two weeks old. His parents, Will and Paula, farmers from Devon, had been trying for a child for ten years, but Will was infertile and their cause seemed hopeless. One doctor recommended that they spare themselves further anguish and stop trying.

Then they read about the work of the Research and Treatment Unit in Reproduction (Nurture) at Nottingham University, and took the chance to try a new test-tube baby technique — intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) — that is designed to overcome male rather than female infertility. Using a needle twelve times finer than a human hair, just one sperm is injected directly into the ovum, which is ten times smaller than the full stop at the end of this sentence. Once fertilised, the ovum is planted in the womb.

Dr Simon Fishel, scientific director of Nurture, believes that all but the 5 per cent of infertile men who produce no sperm whatsoever can be helped by ICSI. He was working with Professor Robert Edwards and the late Professor Patrick Steptoe when the world's first test-tube baby was born 16 years ago, but believes that ICSI is more revolutionary than the test-tube baby technique itself.

"In vitro fertilisation was tried for many years in animals before the birth of the first human but this technique had never been tried in any system, human or animal, before. It is about as invasive as you can get, yet it works."

Dr Fishel estimates that ICSI, which was developed by scientists in Brussels, provides a one-in-four chance of success at each attempt. He has treated 200 couples since last spring, and has achieved 60 ongoing pregnancies of eight weeks or more.

The scientists at Nottingham have also developed a method for selecting the sperm, which may improve success rates. In cases of male infertility the problem often lies not with the quantity of sperm produced but their quality. The challenge for fertility treatment is how to pick the best. Until now, the selection process has been random: scientists simply looked at large quantities of sperm through a microscope and selected the one that appeared to have the most promising qualities.

Using a computer imaging system originally developed to monitor traffic flow, they can look at the sperm magnified on a computer screen and plot their movements. The sperm most likely to succeed is not, as previously thought, the one that swims fastest, but the one that moves in a way designed to give it the extra thrashing movement needed to penetrate the egg's barrier.

"What you see is a movement that traces the five points of a star," said Dr Fishel. "Because the computer allows us to work in real time, we can take the sperm whose course we have been carefully plotting and use that very one to fertilise an egg in a laboratory dish."

However, since the sperm is injected into the ovum and therefore not required to penetrate the outer shell itself, computer selection may not in fact improve the chances of fertilisation. A clinical trial comparing success rates of ICSI with randomly chosen or computer-selected sperm should be complete by the end of the year, said Dr Fishel.

Like most test-tube baby techniques, ICSI is only available in the private sector, and it costs more that £2,000 for each attempt even at a non-profit making unit such as Nurture. It took the Salters two attempts and seven weeks away from their farm. To maximise the chances of a successful conception Mrs Salter had to undergo a course of injections to stimulate her ovaries into producing more eggs than usual. The total cost was £5,000. "It was worth it all just to see the expression of happiness on my husband's face," said Mrs Salter.

Many couples in their situation turn to donor insemination, which costs hundreds rather than thousands of pounds and is available on the NHS. But unlike donor insemination, ICSI gives the infertile man the chance to father his own child and so is likely to be eagerly sought by those who can afford to pay.

Allan Templeton, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Aberdeen University, whose unit has also just achieved several pregnancies as a result of ICSI, is extremely excited at its prospects. "This technique is unquestionably the way forward," he said. "In 20 years this is the first time I have seen any effective treatment for male infertility."

Hot tears of a leader-writer

Philip Howard relives the agony of a misplaced contact lens

I have worn contact lenses since I found that I was having to guess the Greek on the blackboard from the back of Lower School as if it were an oculist's alphabet. First I took the lenses out with difficulty and a pink sucker of the sort used for unblocking lavatories in Lilliput. But now I have become accustomed to semi-permeable lenses and pop them in as casually as humbugs into the mouth.

The transparent little discs are elusive. If dropped, they can bounce farther than you would imagine, or stick invisibly to unexpected places like the side of the nose or the tail of a beagle. Because I am careless about cleaning them, my contact lens expert has just given me a thin bottle to suspend the little things by plastic claws in cleaning fluid when not in the eyes.

On the morning of last Wednesday, rising with the shipping forecast to walk the Jack Russells, I found that the right lens had fallen out of its claws and was translucently just visible (I hoped) floating around in the (grubby) juice in its jar. Instead of keeping calm, I panicked. I emptied the jar into the basin (with plug prudently in) and could not find the lens in the pool of juice. Was that it stuck by suction to the bottom of its pot? So I poked with a pair of scissors and out came the lens. Thank Mercury, God of the eagle-eyed. I inserted lens and went to work.

By midday my right eye was sore and swelling to a slit. I went to the first aid department, where the duty nurse was understandably squeamish about eyes. I could not extract the lens by my familiar method of popping it out by pressure between my eyelids. I had a leader to write and a long-standing date to read suitable texts at the Classical Classical recital organised by the Friends of the Classics at 7pm. The brightest and best of the classical world were turning out for this.



Howard's eye: corneal abrasion

By mid-afternoon I could not see and was weeping hot Niagaras. Catherine and Thérèse, my friends and neighbours in our little corner of the word surgery, eventually held me down and floated the lens out with a mixture of warm milk and water. (I did not understand the point of the milk.) The lens came out with a long crack in it caused by the scissors, and broke into smithereens. I had been unable to extract it presumably because it had lost its surface tension.

Scribble, scribble, weep, weep, Mr Howard. Then off to the concert. Purcell, Monteverdi and Gluck sounded magical in Wren's beautiful church of St Anne's and St Agnes's. Rebecca Stockland sang like a Pre-Raphaelite angel, with Richard Black on the piano. Kenneth Dover, Jeremy Morse and Angela Lambert read their bits with passion and drama. But the congregation was puzzled why the man reading Catullus XXXIV, *Dianae sumus in fide*, was weeping floods. For it is one of Catullus's cheerful poems, more "Boys and Girls come out to play" than a torch song for lost Lesbia.

After it was over, everyone went off to celebrate at an Italian restaurant. "Not you, Philip," said my dear but prudent friends firmly, and hustled me to Moorfields. There the eye doctor put in a drop of anaesthetic, which was almost as wonderful as the Purcell. She said I had scratched the cornea and she scraped my eyeball with a wooden spatula in case there were fragments of glass left there. After paying prescription charges, I was lucky to catch the Tube. No money left for taxis.

My Moorfields eyepatch is surgical white. Black or blue would have been more piratical, and I have worked out the stock answer to sympathetic questions: "Not even L can hide from indignant readers for ever."

And now, thank you, Madam, the agony is abated. Soon I shall be back to a lens in each eye, seeing the world as straightforwardly and without squint or tears as a tough-minded leader-writer should.

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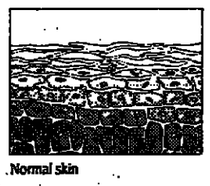
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■ The judge in Helen Green's case was right: adults cannot charge everything to their parents' account

At what point do you cease to be your parents' child? In at least one sense, never. Genetically you are always the product of the union between your natural father and mother. But since the advent of modern psychology (or, properly speaking, psychoanalysis), it has become acceptable to assume that even those parts of a person's identity that seem to be under his control — like his character and inclinations — are also established by parental influence. In the civil courts this week, Helen Green could be said to have tested the legal force of this proposition.

She argued that she had been so emotionally damaged as a child by her adoptive father's sexual abuse that she needed expensive psychiatric treatment. She wanted not only compensation for the abuse (which her father had admitted) but to force him to pay for its consequences. Since her psychological problems, which included eating disorders and the inability to complete professional training, were *his fault*, he — and not she — should be liable for the costs of putting them right.

Judge Anthony Bradbury decided that Miss Green should receive £17,000 legal compensation for the crimes committed against her, but that she was not entitled to reimbursement by her father for the full cost of the future therapy she is likely to undergo.

This seems to me an exemplary verdict. Which is not to say that Miss Green might not be absolutely correct in her estimation of the impact that her father's acts had on her life. Sexual abuse by one's father (even when he is not a biological parent) which goes on regularly until a child is 13, as it did in this case, would be likely to have appalling effects on anyone's emotional development. What would have been impossible (and improper) for the courts to decide is whether the specific personality problems of the victim were an inevitable result of that sexual abuse, in the way that, for example, being permanently lame is the result of a knee-capping. Or, for that matter, whether Miss Green's choice of therapy was the best or the only way of coping with those problems — in the way that medical treatment for a knee-capping would be uncontroversial.

Just such a demonstrable cause and effect relationship between crime, injury and treatment would be necessary for the victim's assailant to be unequivocally liable for the price of her healing. And it is just that sort of inescapability which often seems to be assumed when people claim — either for themselves or others — a kind of moral amnesty on the grounds of their childhood experiences.

Freud is usually credited with the hardest line on psychological determinism. Influenced as he was by 19th-century physics, his writing is full of hydraulic metaphors which suggest, on a superficial reading anyway, that human personality operates on mechanical push-pull principles.

Much of our liberal conventional wisdom about social issues arises from a wilful misinterpretation of Freud. Among the more serious misunderstandings is the idea that he believed all repression of instinctive impulses to be unhealthy. In fact, he maintained that cultural life was made possible only by repression: that subjugating our primitive desires and redirecting them into symbolic and ritualised forms is what culture *is*. But the wrong-headed version of his thesis has hugely influenced child-rearing and educational theory.

His ideas about childhood trauma have been equally distorted. A commonplace among those who think of themselves as socially progressive is the notion that we are formed in irrevocable ways by the events of our earliest years.

> We cannot accept this infinite moral regress

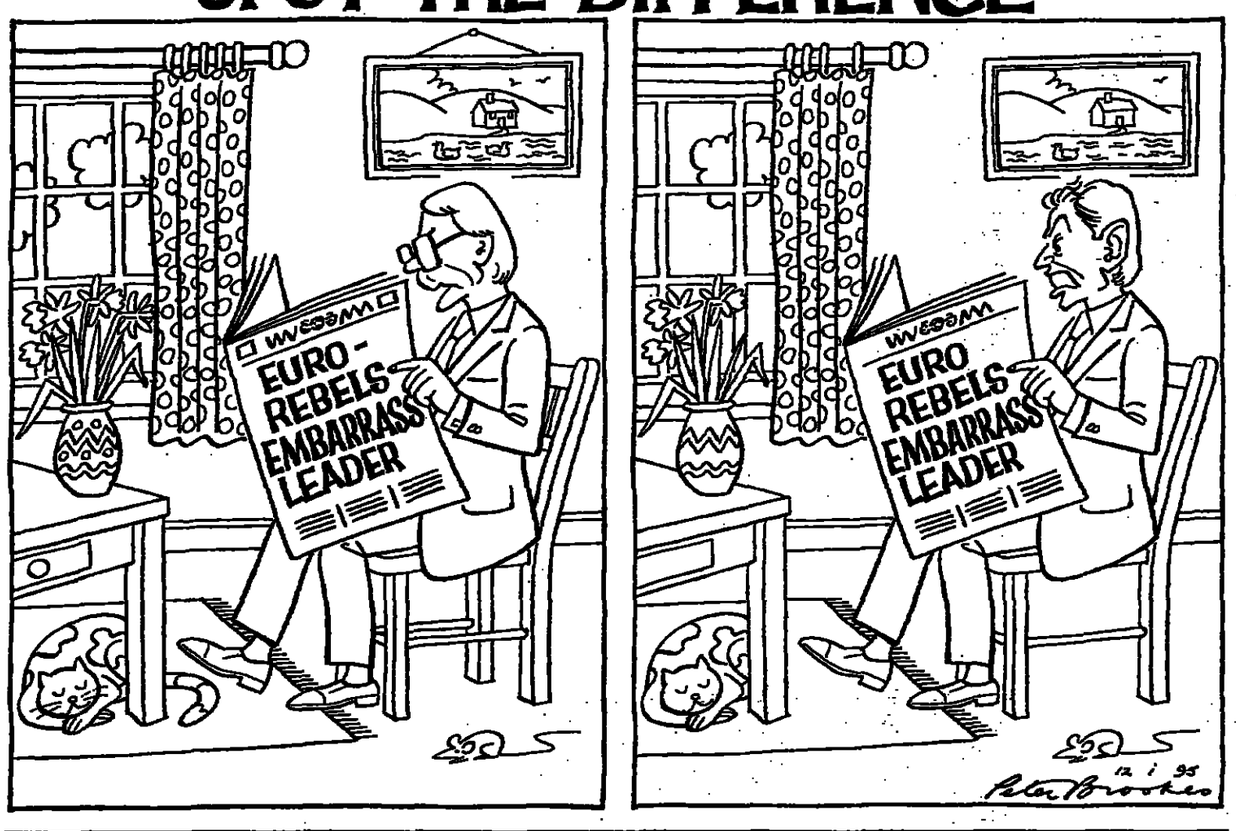
Thus, whether through the inadequacies of families or wider social deprivations, people are assumed to be imprisoned by the limitations of their upbringing as surely as if they were physically disabled.

This is a neat inversion of the traditional idea of original sin. Instead of everyone being born guilty and having to spend a lifetime expiating that guilt, no one is guilty of anything since weakness of character is a direct product of earlier mistreatment. It is *not your fault* if you are criminal or malign, but that of your benighted parents. The difficulty is that if you are not responsible for your own behaviour, then for the same reason your parents were not responsible for theirs. They only treated you in the way that they did because of the inadequacies of their own childhoods.

And back it goes, in an infinite regress of moral buck-passing to its logical conclusion: that no one is ever responsible for any action — bad or good — since all of us have been crippled by ever-earlier psychological conditions.

But must we dismantle the whole concept of free will in order to admit that people are affected by what happens to them in childhood? Any functioning society needs to assume that being an adult means taking responsibility for yourself, even if that includes finding your own way of coming to terms with what childhood did to you.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



No excuses for cruelty

Alan Clark says the Tories should use the outcry over animal welfare to win a political and compassionate victory

Ministers really ought to be less cavalier about trying to deflect public indignation with the excuse that their hands are tied by "Europe". This has become the standard response to any contentious issue over which the Government cannot be bothered to take, or has its own reasons for wishing to avoid action. But the House of Commons does not like it, and nor does the public. It is particularly ill-advised to try to defend inaction when several ministers and practically every MP has either declared or implied a commitment to do otherwise.

The issue of animal welfare (not "animal rights" — a term in which the political whinge is implicit) is a perfectly respectable one, the scope of which has extended spectacularly over the past decade. It shows no sign of abating. Europeans may like to sneer at the "softness" of Anglo-Saxons, but the belief that man has a duty of care to all living creatures on this planet, consistent only with ensuring his own survival, has roots deep in pre-Christian faith.

In any case, there is an enormous mass of tertiary legislation — directives and their small print — churning around affecting practically every aspect of our daily life, but much of it is contradictory or so heavily codiciled that any ingenious lawyer (or civil servant) could find a way through after 30 minutes' close study.

Many member states of the European Union do not even bother to justify their non-compliance with Euro law — try claiming welfare in Italy, or looking for the fire escape in a Spanish hotel — yet in this country, benefits entitlement, together with each succeeding and more rigorous amendment of the health and safety regulations, are piled systematically on the taxpayer and the small business.

Unlike the civil service in more easygoing lands, Whitehall displays an enthusiasm for enforcement that is matched only by its zeal for "add-ons". These are the tedious extras (the reverse of "opt-outs") which domestic legislatures are permitted to include in passing Euro laws. (The Ministry of Agriculture's score, incidentally, is presently in the high seventies.)

Even so, I have some sympathy with William Waldegrave: his weekend ruined, convergent pressure from two directions (does anyone actually *know* that one of his calves ended up in a veal crate?), safe Tory area up in arms — and so on.

The urgent meeting that was convened is instantly recognisable from *Yes, Minister*.

"I suggest that you praise the demonstrators, Minister. Say that you sympathise with their concern, but that they should be making their point in Brussels."

"Mmm. Might work. Anyway, we're agreed. That's the line to take."

But a moment's reflection would have shown that taking this advice would simply irritate people. If the British Government, arguing its case in the Council of Ministers, cannot produce a change, what chance would there be for a group of housewives and students with placards?

> This is a classic example of a clash between popular feeling and vested interest

In any case, most people do not much care for these protestations of impotence in the face of Europe — particularly when they are demonstrably bogus. If the Spaniards can threaten to block the enlargement of the Community unless they are granted access to British fishing waters, and if John Major could very splendidly (and, I suspect, with far from unanimous approval in Whitehall) use the veto to block an ill-disposed candidate for the presidency of the Commission, then why cannot our own Ministry of Agriculture be a bit more assertive?

The explanation is that it does not bother much about the public. Its primary obligation is to the industry which it "sponsors". Factory farming and pumping cyanide gas into badger setts are just part of the ethic. And every incoming minister must recite:

Whatever else you want to do
Don't fall foul of the NFU

So it is hardly surprising, to cite a highly revealing example, that the British representative should have been the *only* member of the agriculture council in Brussels last month to cast his vote in favour of bovine setramorphin, a suspect chemical, banned in the United States, which induces an even higher "yield" of milk after the unweaned calf has been taken away from its mother.

Emotive appeals — inseparable from questions of animal welfare — are good for arousing commitment but bad for argument. As soon as the temperature rises, the familiar pejoratives, coded or otherwise, start flying. Pink commentators stigmatise the protesters as "middle-aged and middle-class" — and short of including the adjective "white" as derogatory, you can't get lower than that. Meanwhile, conservatives, to whom "middle-aged and middle-class" signifies persons of a responsible and generous disposition, start complaining about "activists", "students" and "weirdos".

Quite predictably, though with no very strong logic, someone asked over the weekend: "What about the babies in Rwanda?" And then there is the facile but ever-present charge of "preferring animals to humans".

Without doubt there are profound philosophic dilemmas here, running to the earliest roots of the classical and Egyptian civilisations, and they should not be trivialised. Legend teaches that the Titanic and the Dionysian elements are together in human nature, and that to murder animals is to throw into doubt the whole relationship between men, gods and beasts.

This was the basis of the Orphic religion, which merged into the philosophy of Pythagoras, in which mysticism and vegetarianism were entirely compatible with those disciplines required by the new mathematics. In Ancient Rome, the figure of Orpheus was both ascetic and intellectual, "having the power to sweeten all minds and temperaments — men, gods and animals — with his music. This sound symbolised the music of the seven planets and the laws of the universe, this knowledge bequeathing a magical power (which must never be abused) over all living things".

Christianity, with its convenient assurance that man has "dominion" granted by God over all other forms of life, is not yet 2,000 years old.

For millennia, man's relationship with animals was governed by respect. Animals ran faster, cared for their young, had greater stamina, were naturally — as innumerable cave paintings testify — more elegant and handsome.

And for most people, even today, what is repugnant is the spectacle of cruelty inflicted on other living creatures systematically and without respite, in the furtherance of financial gain. And on this scale it is a cause to which considerable political capital now attaches.

If the Government is fast on its feet, it can still draw advantage from the whole affair. The dispute is a classic example of a clash between profit and idealism, between popular outcry and vested interest. There are several ways in which the Government can be seen to be "listening" (deliberate and obtuse deafness being one of the principal complaints that presently confront Conservatives on the doorstep), without necessarily "taking sides". These might include compelling the hauliers to pay for the colossal level of police protection they enjoy (last accorded, it should be recalled, to the Nottinghamshire miners — and look what happened to them), or asking the Lord Chancellor's office to remind the Courts that there is ample provision on the statute book for convictions on cruelty charges to be backed up by bans on the future ownership or handling of the type of animal involved.

My own concern is that this opportunity will be allowed to slip away, and that a long and fractious period of disputation will follow, with the fault lines becoming increasingly obscured by party political commitment. In the end, in all probability, the protesters will win, but the Government will get no credit.

It would not, alas, be the first time during this unhappy parliament that assurances repeated in the manifesto, in election address, in the House of Commons and in ministerial speeches have not been backed by action when the time of trial arrives.

The case for quangos

Michael Dynes and David Walker on how we are governed

The constitutional radical David Marquand this week inaugurated a series of lectures sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Royal Society of Arts, which should add spice to the debate about how we govern ourselves into which we have absentmindedly stumbled.

Over the past ten years, there has been a revolution in public service management, in Whitehall, administrative bodies and local authorities. The performance of the Prison Service and appointments to health service trusts are issues in their own right, yet they also raise deeper questions about the effectiveness of Parliament and parliamentarians, the role and responsibilities of ministers, the increasing hue and cry over the proliferation of quangos, and whether our system of government is out of control.

The debate has been inadvertently brought about by the Government's own public service reforms. "Next Steps" executive agencies — the programme of freeing ministers from the day-to-day administrative burden — was introduced as a way of saving money and of reducing politicians' vulnerability to problems of accountability such as those haunting Michael Howard. Education, health and housing reforms have raised similar questions of local accountability.

The Government has found itself on the defensive. Take the "quango state". Most critics fail to make the distinction between bodies which do the administration themselves, such as the Audit Commission, the Medical Research Council and the Forestry Commission, and bodies which merely advise, such as the Parole Board, the Consumers Panel, and the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee. Bodies such as the Apple and Pear Research Council and the Foreign Office's Government Hospitality Fund Advisory Committee for the Purchase of Wine are ridiculed — not least because of their names. But most do valuable work.

There are questions to be asked about how the chain of command operates, who should be held responsible when things go wrong, who should be appointed to run these bodies, and how they spend taxpayers' money. But to suggest that agencies, quangos, and other non-elected public bodies are a cancer on the body politic is bordering on the hysterical. Britain could not be governed without them.

Last month, for example, the Ministry of Agriculture announced new appointments to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Were these more jobs for the boys and girls? On the contrary: it performs a useful service monitoring new data on the composition and effects of substances used in agriculture. Its members are scientists, doctors and agronomists, not Tory placemen.

It is said that local authorities would do a better job than the new generation of quangos in health, education and housing, but this flies in the face of experience. Two damning reports by the Audit Commission this week suggest that many local government authorities are wasting up to £1 billion a year of taxpayers' money.

Little wonder that under both Tory and Labour governments since the 1930s, function after function has been moved out of the sphere of town and county halls. It is true that local authorities have to some extent redeemed themselves in recent years, but no one is suggesting that councils should, for instance, recolonise housing association projects. On the contrary, more far-seeing councils (often Labour-run) want to off-load their housing portfolios *onto* investment trusts — quangos by another name.

A devolved and in some measure appointed state is a fact of modern life. The notion cultivated by critics like Gerald Kaufman that direct democracy can somehow run elaborate operations like the delivery of pensions and income support is a nonsense. Agencies and quangos there must be. But we do need to know more about them, and our *Times Guide to the New British State* is an overdue start.

Even the much-bandied notion of ministerial accountability needs more sophisticated handling. A distinction made between macro and micro responsibility is needed: identifying the author of an error and ensuring that the public will is implemented are different.

Mr Kaufman takes exception when his questions are answered by officials rather than ministers. The key point is that officials nowadays have identities. Their addresses and telephone numbers are available. They should respond, quickly, to Mr Kaufman or any other complainant. To define accountability exclusively in terms of ministers is to make a profound mistake about the capacity of the State to oversee everything. Accountability must always end with ministers. But it necessarily begins with the front-line staff. Name, rank and job description, if you please.

"The Times Guide to the New British State: The Government Machine in the 1990s" by Michael Dynes and David Walker is published by Times Books at £16.99.

Prince to wed

LONDON'S cocktail circuit is abuzz with talk of the biggest royal wedding since the Prince of Wales led Lady Diana Spencer up the aisle in 1981. And this has nothing to do with the prince's marital plans following the Parker Bowles's divorce announcement.

This morning, the former king of Greece King Constantine will announce that his son Crown Prince Pavlos is to marry in London on July 1. Almost every royal family in Europe will be represented at the ceremony.

The Queen and Prince Philip are likely to attend the service at the Greek Cathedral of St Sophia. King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie are close friends of Buckingham Palace.

The 27-year-old Crown Prince proposed to Marie-Chantal Miller, 26, after a two-year courtship. He studies at Georgetown University in Washington (and shares a room with King Juan Carlos of Spain's son Prince Felipe). She studies art history at New York University. Friends describe Marie-Chantal as a live-wire who sails and skis. She is taking instructions to join the Greek Orthodox church.

"This is a good match. Her father is one of the richest men in America. And he is a naturalised British citizen," says my man in the olive groves.



Crown Prince Pavlos and his fiancée, Marie-Chantal Miller

THE TIMES DIARY

● *The beleaguered Home Secretary Michael Howard is under attack even on the most domestic front. In next month's* Harpers & Queen *his wife Sandra suggests he is slow to fill dinner guests' wineglasses. "I'm always jumping up from the table... who else keeps an eye on the glasses if you're married to someone who's a bit absent-minded about that?"*

Olivier branch

THE LATE Lord Olivier's beguiling daughter Tamsin has abandoned her theatrical career for the time being. She has opened a politically correct restaurant in north-west London, specialising in free-range organic meat and vegetarian British food. Curiously, it is called The Engineer.

"We dreamt up this scheme when we were both unemployed," explains her partner, Abigail Osborne. "It used to be a Brunel pub called The Engineer and it is very bad luck to change pub names." Tamsin will not be turning her back on the stage altogether. "We will be using some of the floor space for performances like readings and recitals," says Osborne.

Ample reward

THE DINNER at the British embassy in Washington on Tuesday night to mark the presentation of an honorary knighthood to the former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger was a jolly affair. General Colin Powell and *Washington Post* owner Katharine Graham were among the guests. The major topic of conversation was Eagleburger's ample frame. A letter from former President George Bush was read out by the British Ambassador, Sir Robin Renwick. "I wish him well as a fellow knight," he wrote. "But in respect of the horse he rides on he needs to go on the Slim Fast route." Eagleburger was relieved he didn't have to kneel for the presentation: "They would've had to have a derrick to get me up again."

● *Spotted at the Royal Opera House on Tuesday night for Verdi's* Otello *was the lachrymose former Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke. He was sitting with Lord Weinstock, Sir David and Lady Carina Frost, and his new companion Blanche d'Alpuget.*

Hawke was no doubt painfully alive to the tale of love and jealously being acted out before him. Indeed he seemed to be on the verge of tears throughout.

Take it away

MEMBERS of the great unwashed could be shuffling towards the Serpentine Gallery this spring, when its north gallery will offer tramps rich pickings. Mountains of secondhand clothes will be piled on the floor in the name of art for an exhibition *Take me (I'm yours)*. Gallery-goers will be asked to buy designer carrier bags and help themselves to any clothes they want.

"This interactive exhibit questions the idea of value and explores the history of its garments," explains a spokesman for the French artist Christian Boltanski, who arranges the clothes. The Serpentine elaborates: "We have had to find the three tons of clothes ourselves and we will have to keep topping up the supply as people take them away."



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NEW LABOUR, OLD EUROPE

Blair has barely begun his continental journey

It is not difficult to see why Tony Blair put on classic "pro-European" garb for his speech in Brussels this week. He sees himself as a modern social democrat who, like many of his generation, has travelled widely and enjoys the company of other Europeans. He meets fellow politicians on the Continent and can happily swap analyses of the "social dimension" to free trade and the dangers of resurgent nationalism. Since, however, Mr Blair is a thoughtful man and has given himself good time to think on this subject, it remains surprising that he identifies being pro-European so closely with favouring further European integration.

In Brussels on Tuesday, the Labour leader planted his banner with unnecessary firmness on the federalist shore. "European integration," he said, "cannot happen by stealth. It must be with the people's consent. And that is why pro-Europeans must be persuaders in the debate about Europe's future." There is that link again: pro-Europeans, it seems, have a duty to persuade the people that integration is desirable.

It is true, of course, that instinctive anti-Europeans are against federalism. Many would prefer Britain not even to be a member of the EU and will have voted "no" to continued membership in the referendum of 1975. But there are also many who voted "yes", and who would still term themselves "pro- Europeans", do not share the vision of Europe that is held by Helmut Kohl, Jacques Delors or Francois Mitterrand. That is the growing group to which Mr Blair should address his mind.

One mistake that he and others around him make is to assume that supporting further integration is the modern thing to do. In reality, they are backing the view of three old men whose views were forged by the Second World War, one of whom is retired, a second is about to bow out, and the third is near the end of his career. The new wave of politicians, even on the Continent, is markedly more sceptical. Many doubt that a single currency would bring economic benefits even to its members. And if it did, they question whether those benefits would outweigh the loss of freedom to control monetary policy and the nationalist stirrings that would almost certainly ensue.

Perhaps that loss of freedom is precisely what Mr Blair wants. Maybe he hopes that it would allay voters' suspicions that Labour is incapable of running the economy without stoking up inflation. There must surely be less drastic ways of regaining voters' trust. The easiest is by example: for Labour to govern responsibly for a few years. But if inflation really is to Labour as a bottle of whisky is to an alcoholic, then Mr Blair could, in a spirit of self-abnegation, simply cede more powers over the setting of interest rates to the Bank of England.

Among Mr Blair's closest advisers are some, such as Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson, who might be termed "unthinking" pro-Europeans. But the new Labour leader is used to displaying greater independence. Unlike his predecessor, he has not staked his career on the issue of Europe. He should be able to question some of the assertions that are always wheeled out by integrationists: whether Britain would actually be worse off outside a single currency, whether it gains influence in the EU only by agreeing with its neighbours, whether flexibility rather than ossification should not be the guiding design for the continent in the 21st century.

Mr Blair now has the chance to create an intelligent European policy, free from both the stale assumptions of the Cold War years and the coruscating Labour battles of the 1970s and 1980s. His acceptance of the need to consult the people over further integration is an encouraging start. But until he understands that European policy, like Labour's constitution, should be more than a dogged adherence to outdated constructs, he will be letting down the very "new" Labour Party that he has been trying so hard to create.

THINK IT THROUGH

Rail privatisation should not limit ticket availability

The greatest threat facing the rail network is not privatisation but lack of ambition. Yesterday, John Swift, the rail regulator, launched a consultation on the future of ticket sales in the reformed system. His proposals ranged from the bland — incremental change — to the wholly undesirable — designation of core stations for ticket retailing. Lacking in his various suggestions was any sense that the passenger's interest will be paramount in the privatised rail service.

At present, through-tickets are available at 1,500 of the network's 2,500 stations. The splitting of the system into 25 separate operating companies ought to be an opportunity to increase the number of facilities offering this basic service; instead, the opposite seems to have been assumed. The most objectionable of Mr Swift's proposals is that a range of "core products" should be identified and that fewer than 300 core stations should be required to offer them. This means, in practice, that through-ticketing would be far more difficult than it is at present. To the so-called "Yeovil question" — would a passenger travelling between Yeovil and Birmingham have to buy more than one ticket? — the answer would be clear and gloomy. Passengers might have to buy two or three separate tickets to make complicated journeys.

Mr Swift's announcement was further evidence of how far astray the rail privatisation programme has gone. When the regulator's proposals were first leaked, Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, warned that they were "unacceptable". It has since become clear that unless ministers strong-arm the franchise director, Mr Swift will have his way. The 1993 Railway Act seems to have taken insufficient account of the need for ministers to remain a sovereign court of appeal for regulation during the transitional years of privatisation. As it is, the Government has surrendered too much power too early and is already at the mercy of the regulator.

The provision of through-ticketing should be taken for granted rather than treated as a major issue. Rail privatisation has been presented to the electorate as a more efficient way of running a public service which will benefit the consumer. A network that is trying to attract private investment should go out of its way to make it easier for customers to buy tickets — rather than the opposite. As it is, the suspicion that ticket-buying is about to become hideously complex will put off many who would prefer to travel by train.

The easy availability of airline tickets and money from bank cashpoints has shown how straightforward it is for private sector companies to pool information and collaborate on sales. It should not be difficult for all franchisees operating on the rail system to computerise their timetables and price lists, and make it possible for passengers to buy through-tickets from booths at most stations, paying by credit card or cash. Indeed, providing such information to a database — the management of which could be contracted out — should be a condition of every railway franchise. It was precisely this sort of benefit that privatisation was supposed to bring. Until it does, the public will ask why this reform was ever foisted upon the nation.

MEANWHILE IN MADRID

The González Government hangs on without honour

The recent history of Spain has taught that there can be few acts more futile than to demand the resignation of Felipe González. Had he the inclination to comport himself in a manner befitting the leader of a Western democracy, the Socialist Prime Minister would have relinquished office on at least three occasions in the past two years. His administration, already smeared with corruption, now stands accused of having organised a death squad, the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Group (Gal), which murdered 27 suspected Basque separatists between 1983 and 1987. Appearing earlier this week on television, Señor Gonzalez told the nation that he "never authorised, covered up, or tolerated the actions of Gal".

His disavowal is striking for two reasons: first, because few in Spain believed him; and second, that it should have been made on television. A poll conducted for the Madrid daily, *El País*, revealed that more than half of those questioned thought that he was lying. The markets, too, have made clear in characteristic language their lack of faith in Señor González. The peseta plunged, compelling Pedro Solbes, the Finance Minister, to deny rumours that Spain would be forced to leave the European exchange-rate mechanism. Only a credible political response — which appears beyond the Prime Minister's capacity — will calm the markets.

In preferring to offer explanations — such as they are — on television, Señor González has once more made clear that he has scorn for the Parliament to which he was elected. A Prime Minister stands accused of some form of association, however remote, with a death squad: if this is not cause for an appearance in Parliament, it is difficult to see what is. The truth is, of course, that Señor González has never had much time for parliamentary matters: in the 12 years of Socialist rule, the Cortés has been more milked for political advantage than fostered as an institution essential to a newly democratic *civitas*.

The conservative opposition in parliament, the Popular Party (PP), has been right to press for early national elections. Señor González, naturally, will not oblige the PP. The conservative leader, José María Aznar, could usefully spend time, however, in reforming his own party. The PP's greatest weakness — on which Señor González has played remorselessly — is its failure to come to terms with Spain's modern culture of regional autonomy. Until it does so, voters in Catalonia and the Basque country will continue to be repelled by the PP's image as a "Castilian" party.

Spain faces municipal elections in May. If, as is expected, the Socialists are taught a lesson by an angry electorate, the pressure for change should become irresistible — even for the Prime Minister. So much so that it may be time for a second democratic revolution in Spain. The first, which came with the death of General Franco in 1976, now stands devalued. And no one else is responsible for that but Señor González.

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Michael Howard called to account

From the General Secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants

Sir, The Home Secretary's claims about his ministerial responsibilities become more remarkable every day. Yesterday he claimed: "With regard to operational responsibility, there has always been a division between policy matters and operational matters. That has existed not only since the introduction of agencies — it has been recognised for years, and indeed for generations." (Hansard, January 10, column 40).

Mr Howard has no constitutional authority for this claim. Moreover, he is either deliberately ignoring his own instructions as a minister or is ignorant of them.

"Questions of Procedure for Ministers", published on the Prime Minister's authority in 1992, well after agencies were established, says categorically:

> Each Minister is responsible to Parliament for the conduct of his or her department, and for the actions carried out by the Department in pursuit of Government policies or in the discharge of responsibilities laid upon him or her as a Minister.

The spectacle of a Government minister trying to set new constitutional guidelines to suit the political embarrassment of the day has profound implications for our system of parliamentary government. The extent of ministerial responsibility is well documented and understood by many, if not by the current Home Secretary.

Yours sincerely,
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January 11.

Imperial echoes

From Dr Roy Turner

Sir, The last of the colonial servants are rapidly disappearing. By the turn of the millennium there will be few if any left and our ability to get a first-hand knowledge of the last days of Empire will have gone for ever. A Museum of the British Empire (letters, January 7) could serve as a repository for unpublished memoirs, records and possibly oral histories.

Policies are determined by governments but what actually happens on the ground depends on the women and men who were there. How much richer would our understanding of the Roman Empire have been if we had had extensive records of the local governors and commanders.

The Empire was an extraordinary event. We have a duty to make sure it is properly assessed.

Yours sincerely,
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Rodmell, nr Lewes, East Sussex.

Store of good will

From Mr Graham King

Sir, If Mrs Judith White (letter, December 29; see also letters, January 4) knew the original meaning of "Brownie points" she might not wish to redeem her 50 years' worth.

The term seems to have originated in the early 1900s when a disciplinary system was introduced on Canadian Pacific Railways. Railwaymen earned "demerits" for breaking regulations. They were termed "Brownie points" after a superintendent of that name.

The contradictory meaning seems to be of much later vintage, presumably through an association with the Girl Guides' Brownies.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM KING,
Kingstone Court, Kingston, Kent.
January 6.

From Mrs Janet M. Kapp

Sir, Brownie points can be recycled. If Mrs Judith White takes them to her local Brownie pack she will find that the expertise she needed to gain them can be converted into the skills necessary to help with the Brownies. She will then be in the position of *giving* Brownie points — from the stock she has accumulated.

Yours faithfully,
JANET M. KAPP
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Union by force

From Sir Peter Smithers

Sir, It remains to be seen whether Moscow can reduce the Chechens to submission by making their lives impossible. The Tsars achieved this. For Europe there are lessons to be learned from what is happening.

The British, French, Dutch, Portuguese and Belgian Empires, conglomerates of many nationalities, are gone. The last of the empires to disappear was the Russian. Or did it? Russia, extending from Norway to the Pacific and containing many nationalities, is still a conglomerate. Some of its components find Russian rule intolerable and are grimly determined to achieve independence. They can only be denied it by force.

The situation in China is similar. Tibet is denied its independence and its identity, by force. Muslim areas of western China will seek independence or amalgamation with Muslim neighbours, and this could only be prevented by force. Russia and China, the surviving conglomerates, are held together only by force.

The current of history is running stongly against the survival of all conglomerates. They do not work in the world of today. Even small ones such as Yugoslavia are now unworkable. National aspirations, if only the desire to live under one's own government and according to one's own culture, have won the day in most of the world.

Yet the political classes of Europe blithely proceed with a political union ruled from Brussels and extending from the Arctic to the Mediterranean and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea: a giant conglomerate containing many seeds of future conflict. The lesson from the Chechens is that such a union could only be held together in the long run by force. As that force is unlikely to be forthcoming, a gradual breakup of the political union is the certain outcome. It would be an unpleasant process.

Europe would benefit greatly from a common market. This is still far from being a reality. The frictions already arising and certain to increase in a political union can only delay and possibly destroy the establishment of that market. There is so much of real value still to be achieved in Europe without engaging in the manifest and dangerous absurdity of a political union. It is a pity that the constitution-makers have run away with the ball.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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January 11.

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Daily acts of worship in schools

From Mr Ewan Harper

Sir, I have considerable sympathy with the thrust of your leader, "A Church unmilitant" (January 7). When I was secretary of the Archbishop's Commission on Rural Areas, which produced the report "Faith in the Countryside", I was involved in visits to 41 of the 43 dioceses. We consistently found, in rural parishes, the clergy taking school assemblies. Their contact with primary schools provided a growing alternative to Sunday school.

In my own village one primary school assembly each week is held by the rector in the parish church. This rural experience should be a source of inspiration for a pattern of contact with schools in urban and suburban areas.

Training clergy to develop the skills needed to teach young people effectively certainly could be achieved, provided the will was there. Equally the skills exist to assist lay teachers with taking assemblies.

But we should not overlook the many Christian teachers who take a lead in their schools and help at Sunday schools too. They could no doubt play a leading role in clergy training in forward-looking parishes and at the deanery level.

Yours sincerely,
EWAN HARPER,
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Nr Kettering, Northamptonshire.
January 9.

From the Headmaster of Millfield

Sir, Since 1661 the parliamentary day has started with prayer, of which this is part:

> Grant that we ... laying aside all private interests, prejudices and partial affections, the result of all our counsels may be the glory of thy blessed Name, the maintenance of true Religion and Justice, the safety, honour and happiness of the Queen, the public wealth, peace and tranquillity of the Realm and the uniting and knitting together of the hearts of all persons and estates within the same ...

There will be many philosophical and theological explanations as to how, after 300 years, the gap between the intentions of this admirable prayer and its fulfilment appears to have widened.

It might even be argued that, were attendance at prayers compulsory for all members of Parliament, the gap might have narrowed.

One has to assume that it is not compulsory for the good reason that MPs accept that the power of prayer lies in its quality rather than in its quantity. Prayer is, as the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster has described it, "... the sum of our relationship with God"; such a relationship cannot be based upon compulsion.

This being so, while there will always be a strong case for introducing the young to faith and to prayer, the case for compulsory daily worship, even in schools, is as the Archbishop of York points out (letter, January 10), a weaker one.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MARTIN,
Headmaster,
Millfield,
Street, Somerset.
January 10.

From Mr Robert Vint and Mr Peter Talbot Willcox

Sir, Since we founded the Religious Education and Environment Programme (Reep) six months ago we have been welcomed by an increasing number of schools and their teachers, many of whom have reservations about the practicality of customary forms of worship.

We have, however, been able to demonstrate ways in which the curriculum can be enriched and enlivened by the imaginative involvement of teachers and pupils in activities which encourage respect for nature, for other people and for the diversity of the universe.

It is important that the predominant modern scientific and quantitative paradigm be balanced in our schools by activities, whether or not they are called "worship", which acknowledge the spiritual and qualitative dimensions upon which men and women throughout the ages have relied for their sense of unity and purpose.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINT (Administrator),
PETER TALBOT WILLCOX
(Trustee),
Religious Education and Environment Programme,
6th Floor, Rodwell House,
Middlesex Street, E1.
January 9.

Reform of the legal aid scheme

From the President of the Law Society

Sir, Your editorial, "Cost-effective justice" (January 6), rightly recognised the need for reform of the legal aid scheme. But it is essential that any changes should improve access to justice rather than obstruct it.

We spend almost £1.5 billion a year on legal aid, yet far fewer people qualify for assistance than need it. If we are to make access to justice a reality for everybody, we must cut the cost of resolving individual disputes. The Law Society has frequently called for increased emphasis to be given to conciliation and mediation. Any such procedures should be part of the system for all court-users.

Cash-limiting legal aid could deprive those who need help and provide an excuse for the Government to ignore the real problems.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES ELLY, President,
The Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane, WC2.
January 11.

From the Director of the Legal Action Group

Sir, Your editorial correctly stresses the promising nature of the Legal Aid Board's development of contracts ("franchises") with legal aid providers. Your suggestion that consumers would benefit from subjecting these contracts to compulsory competitive tendering is, however, more questionable.

The board itself is against such a development, arguing that exclusive contracts with a restricted number of providers would be justified only where, otherwise, there were insufficient services.

Consumers, as a whole, could benefit from a reduction of cost in legal services because more can be provided within a given budget. However, this can be achieved simply by reducing the cost allowed per case. There is no reason why franchises might not remain open to any lawyer willing to meet the conditions of cost and quality.

Competitive tendering reduces competition after the contract is awarded. Experience in the United States suggests that, in the longer term, the consequent creation of monopoly or near-monopoly providers leads to lower quality and higher cost.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SMITH, Director,
Legal Action Group,
242 Pentonville Road, N1.
January 6.

NHS pay beds

From Sir Rodney Sweetnam

Sir, No doubt there is good financial reason for encouraging NHS pay beds (letter, January 5), but it is seldom appreciated how much private practice within hospitals can also be of direct benefit to NHS patients.

I was a surgical registrar long before Barbara Castle's misjudged attack on pay beds. My chief was a distinguished orthopaedic surgeon, and like many consultants today part-time and paid accordingly. His private consulting room was in the hospital, and he operated in the private wing.

I hate to think how many times I sought his advice on difficult, often urgent problems. He was available in the hospital practically the whole week, although paid only for five half-day sessions. Everyone benefited from his presence on the spot, most of all the NHS patients, often with difficult fractures new to us juniors but not to him.

Pay beds are returning. The pendulum should swing further and encourage private consulting practice in hospitals as well.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY SWEETNAM,
23 Wimpole Street, W1.

Mixed fortunes in NZ paradise?

From Ms M. A. Jackson-Roberts

Sir, When I read Bernard Levin's encomia (January 3 and 6) on the joys of New Zealand I thought that there must be a down side somewhere: Shangri La was invented precisely because it never existed. So it proves to be, with the eruption of the New Zealand flatworm likely to spell havoc to our native earthworm (Diary, January 10; report, January 11). But then the Garden of Eden was not immune from worm-caused troubles either.

The importation and dispersal of some New Zealand robins could perhaps help to solve the problem; but Murphy's Law would probably dictate the development of a preference for the British native.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. JACKSON-ROBERTS,
Flat 1, 30 Estelle Road, NW3.
January 11.

From Mr Stuart Henderson

Sir, I read Bernard Levin's second account of New Zealand while I was sitting on the Northern line Tube and initially thought it would be another British dig at our little corner of the (ex) British Empire. By the time I had finished, however, my eyes were embarrassingly betraying my emotions in the crowded train.

I appreciated reading such a heart-warming article which reflected my personal feelings in a way which I could never aspire to put on paper. Even the most patriotic "Kiwi" could not match Mr Levin's glowing style.

I wish Mr Levin a speedy return to revisit our wine cellars; meanwhile, he can rejoice in knowing that their produce is freely available in the UK. And, for someone like Mr Levin, it might not be too late to emigrate.

Yours etc,
STUART HENDERSON,
209a Broomwood Road, SW11.
January 6.

From Mr Lionel Docker

Sir, Bernard Levin describes New Zealand as a land unchanged since the Lord created it and declares that "the greatest part of the country is untouched by human hand". Really?

It is true that the islands were once completely covered with lush, sub-tropical forests, but I doubt that the Lord would recognise his creation today. Huge areas of the North Island have been defoliated by generations of European settlers, permanently changing the ecosystem.

The rolling pastures are the creation of man and are mostly green as a result of the thousands of tons of superphosphate dumped on them every year.

Many of the indigenous animals have been made extinct: the great flightless bird, the moa, once in plentiful supply and one of the Lord's most remarkable creations, has not been seen since for at least 50 years; and, most significantly, it has taken the Maori race over a hundred years to recover from the introduction of European diseases, alcoholic substances and the aggression of land-hungry squatters.

Yours faithfully,
L. W. DOCKER,
13 Durham Terrace, W2.
January 9.

From Mr and Mrs J. F. R. Weir

Sir, Our recent visit to New Zealand bears out all that Bernard Levin has admirably written. We would only add that the long lists carved on war memorials in even the smallest village are a poignant reminder of sacrifices made for the benefit of this country in two world wars.

We have much to learn from New Zealanders' earlier loyalty to the Empire. Is it any wonder that they cannot understand our preoccupation with continental Europe and that they much resent having to enter this country by queuing as "foreigners" at immigration?

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
JAMES WEIR,
ELIZABETH WEIR,
Parford, Chagford, Devon.
January 7.

Playing the game

From Mr Barry Watson

Sir, Whilst I agree with much of your leader, "Try, try, try again" (January 5), I fear you perpetuate the myth that rugby league is just the professional form. There are over 1,000 amateur clubs in the United Kingdom playing and enjoying the game of rugby league. I coach at schools level in Surrey and Middlesex and the game is open to all, not just the "fit whippets". It is enjoyed by both sexes.

Yours etc,
BARRY WATSON (Secretary,
Surrey Heath Rugby League Club),
40 Fordwells Drive,
Bracknell, Berkshire.

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Anybody there?

From Mr L. J. Manley

Sir, "The 1991 census ... missed a million people" (report, January 6). How do they know?

Yours faithfully,
L. J. MANLEY,
158 Blackmoor Drive, Liverpool 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
January 11: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Robert Gray (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow) at the Funeral of Mr James Shields (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) which was held in the City Chambers, Glasgow, this morning.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Richard Chester.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 11: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this morning attended the London International Boat Show and Royal Yachting Association Luncheon at Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5.

Her Royal Highness, Master, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended the Alms Court Meeting and Livery Dinner at Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, London EC4.

Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 11: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, received Mr Christopher Holborow (Chairman) and Brigadier John Davis (Chief Executive).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 11: The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon received Lieutenant General Sir Anthony Mullens, Colonel of the Regiment.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Trust's Centenary, will attend a luncheon to mark the launch of the centenary year at Grosvenor House at 12.30.

The Princess Royal will open the new extension of the Bacons End centre, 2 Waterloo Avenue, Fordbridge, Solihull, at 11.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a fund-raising conference at Birmingham University at 12.40; as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will visit the occupational therapy department at the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, at 3.15; and, as Patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, will attend the oil and gas industry quiz evening and dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.15.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the annual meeting of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association at Easton College, Norwich, at 1.00.

Royal Hospital School, Holbrook

The Committee of Management of the Royal Hospital School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Nicholas Ward, Headmaster of Bentham School, as the new Headmaster of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, from September 1995, following the retirement of Mr Michael Kirk.

Luncheon

Wax Chandlers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Mr Alderman and Sheriff Richard Nichols, accompanied by Colonel Mark Carnegie-Brown, were the guests of honour at a luncheon of the Wax Chandlers' Company held yesterday at Wax Chandlers' Hall. The Master presided and presented a cheque to the Lord Mayor in support of the Lord Mayor's British Heart Foundation Appeal. He also presented a cheque as a prize to Mr J. Morton for the best paper submitted in the British Bee Keepers' Association's 1994 competition.

MARCY MENDELSON



Anatoly Admishin, the Russian Ambassador, tries on a Jewish skull-cap while visiting the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, Finchley, north London, yesterday. Representatives from Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths were also present

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptist van Helmont, chemist, Brussels, 1580; John Winthrop, puritan and first Governor of Massachusetts, Groton, Suffolk, 1588; Lazaro Spallanzani, chemist, Modena, Italy, 1729, Edmund Burke, statesman, Dublin, 1729; Johann Pestalozzi, educator, Zurich, 1746; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, Florence, 1856; Sir Charles Oman, historian, Muzaffarpur, India, 1860; Jack London, novelist, San Francisco, 1876; Ferenc Molnar, dramatist, Budapest, 1878; Carbastron Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, Italy, 1853; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal, Bavaria 1893; Georges Carpentier, boxer, Calais, 1894

DEATHS: Jan Bruegel, painter, 1625; Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1705; George Frostar, explorer, Paris, 1794; Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of a shorthand system, Bath, 1897; Nevil Shute, novelist, 1960; Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, 1976.

The Royal Aeronautical Society of Great Britain was founded, 1866.

The British-Zulu war began, 1879.

The London Co-op opened the first supermarket in London at Manor Park, 1948.

A Boeing 747 (Jumbo) jet landed at Heathrow airport after its maiden trans-Atlantic flight from New York, 1970.

Birthdays today

Miss Kirstie Alley, actress, 40; Mr Anthony Andrews, actor, 47; Mr Ernest Armstrong, former MP, 80; Miss Hazel Aronson, QC, Sheriff of Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh, 49; Mr Michael Aspel, broadcaster, 62; Sir Charles Ball, company director, 71; Mr H.G.H. Barrat, trade unionist, 90; Lord Boardman, 76; Mr P.W. Botha, former South African President, 79; Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, 75; the Hon Sir Richard Butler, former president, National Farmers' Union, 66; Miss Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 78; Mr Keith Dawson, Headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 58; Mr Brendan Foster, athlete, 47; Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 51; Baroness Hamwee, 48; Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, 59; Miss Anne Howells, concert and opera singer, 54; Lord Justice McCowan, 67; Mr Denys Milne, former managing director, BP Oil, 69; Mr James Mortimer, former general secretary, Labour Party, 74; Mr Des O'Connor, entertainer, 63; Sir John Rennie, former governor-general, Mauritius, 78; Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 65; Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, 64.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
The Princess Royal, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Painters' Hall. Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, was the guest of honour and Mr Brian Whitaker also spoke. During the dinner the Princess Royal presented the Woolmen's Company silver medal and prize to Dr Stephen J. Russell and the bronze medal and prize to Miss Sara Litherland for their research into wool at Leeds University. Miss Rebecca J. Lewis received the medal and prize for the City & Guilds of London Institute Agriculture Phase II — Sheep Production examinations for 1994.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government in the Locarno Room of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Dr Ivo Sanader, Deputy Foreign Minister of Croatia.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Institute of Materials. Sir John Houghton, Professor T.M. Ridley, Professor Peter Hills and Mr David Rowlands were the speakers.

Receptions

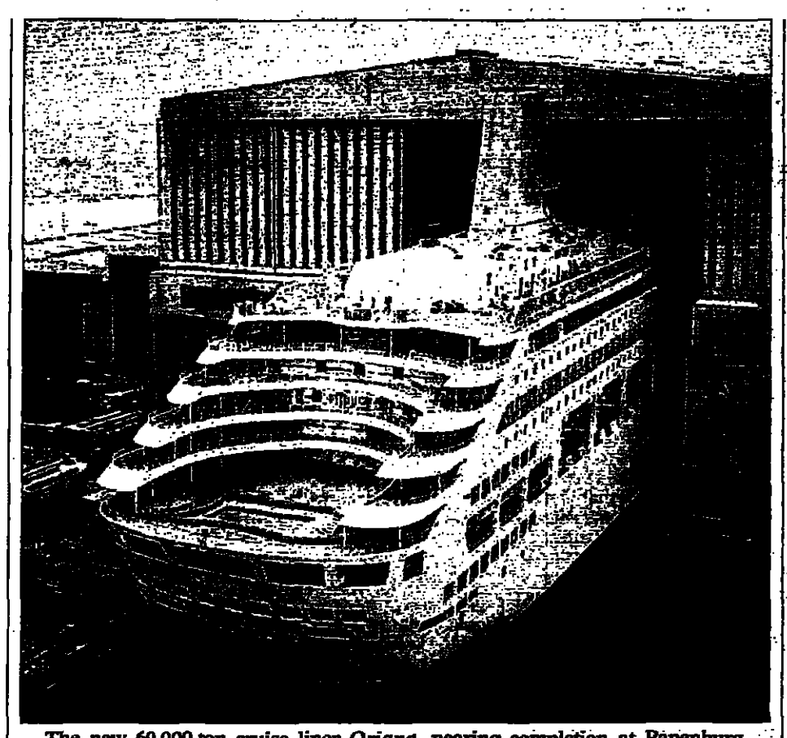
HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House for the UK Official Observers of the Mozambique election.

British Safety Council
Mr Nick Raynsford, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council Diploma in Safety Management awards. Dr Douglas Latto, chairman of the council, and Mr James Tye, director general, were among those present.

Latest wills

Sir Karl Raimund **Popper**, CH, of Kenley, Surrey, the philosopher, Professor of Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics 1949-69, left estate valued at £524,525 net. His best-known works were *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, and *The Open Society and its Enemies*.

Mrs Pamela **Williams**, of Brodsworth, South Yorkshire, left estate valued at £11,332,063 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.



The new 69,000-ton cruise liner *Oriana*, nearing completion at Papenburg shipyard, north Germany, is to be named by the Queen at Southampton on April 6. The 2,000-passenger P&O superliner will set out on her maiden cruise three days later. She has the largest swimming pool of any ship afloat

Archaeology

Was it ice that kept early man from colonising Europe?

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MAN probably entered Europe hundreds of thousands of years later than we presently believe, according to two Dutch archaeologists. Several famous sites in Italy and France, reputed to be well over 600,000 years old, have been misdated, they say, with the earliest Europeans arriving a mere half million years ago.

Sites that have been generally accepted in recent decades as being extremely early include Isernia near Rome, assigned an age of 700,000 years, and Le Vallonet near Nice, which some scholars believe to be nearly a million years old.

Wil Roebroeks and Thijs Van Kolfschoten, of the University of Leiden, now suggest that the flaked stones from the latter site are natural, and not artefacts at all, and that the species of voles found at Isernia do not occur elsewhere until after 500,000 years ago.

Other reputedly early human habitations in central Europe, such as Beroun and Prezletice near Prague, share the problem of "artefacts" which, the investigators say, "in our opinion do not show any convincing traces of human interference".

The earliest definite sites are all associated with a vole species, *Arvicola terrestris cantiana*, which evolved from an earlier type around 500,000 years ago, plus or minus 25,000.

These sites include several with human skeletal remains, such as Mauer in Germany, Fontana Ranuccio and Visogliano in Italy, and the recent discovery at Boxgrove in Sussex (*The Times*, May 18, 1994). From half a million years ago onwards, in fact, "we have Middle Pleistocene human remains all over Europe", from Spain to Greece and north into Wales and Hungary, the investigators report in *Antiquity*.

There is a dramatic contrast between the situation before 500,000 years ago, when there are no human remains, no good contexts, and "primitive" tools often selected from a much larger body of more obviously naturally-flaked material; and the position after that date, when human remains are common, and large collections of indubitable tools are found in primary contexts including workshop floors scattered with debris.

"In our scenario Europe is extremely marginal, late in time compared to the Asian evidence," they say. "The human spread out of Africa went eastwards first" reaching Indonesia by one million years ago, if not before.

Why people did not colonise Europe for so long is unknown, but it may be that social developments, as much as technological advances in skin clothing and windproof shelters, were necessary before man was able to tackle the icy conditions of more northerly latitudes.

Source: *Antiquity* 68:489-503.

School announcements

Caterham School
The Spring Term began on January 10. The Preparatory School, which went co-educational by merging with Eothen Junior Girls last term, celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in 1995. The Senior School becomes a fully co-educational 11-18 boarding and day school in September 1995 when the merger with Eothen is completed. The Entrance Exam for day pupils is on January 21. Common Entrance and Sixth Form entry continues. Jamie Smithers is Captain of Hockey in the first season on the new artificial grass pitch. Old Caterhamians Day is Sunday, March 19, with a Service at 11.30am, a farewell lunch to the retiring Headmaster, Mr S.R. Smith, afternoon matches including an International Hockey XI and a performance of Haydn's *Creation* at 7.30pm. Term ends on March 24.

Dean Close School
The Lent Term begins today. Gareth Jones is Captain of Hockey. The Colin Sherratt Recital will be on January 24 and Open Day will be on February 11. The Music Scholarship Auditions will be held on February 2 and the Academic Scholarships from February 22 to 24. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on February 23. The Bishop of Tewkesbury will conduct Confirmation on March 12 and term ends on March 24.

St John's School, Leatherhead
The Lent term begins today at St John's School, Leatherhead. The Bishop of Dorking will confirm candidates on Sunday, March 19. North House will perform Molière's *The Miser* on February 9 and 10 and the School play, Schnitzler's *The Green Parakeet* will be performed on March 15, 16 and 17. The Bruinvels Schools' Cross Country Trophy will be contested on Saturday, March 11. Choral Evensong and the Foundationers' Dinner is on March 8 and the School Concert is at 8pm on March 19. Tim Goodyer is Captain of the School.

Appointment

London Goodenough Trust
Major General Timothy Toyne Sewell to be Director of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates from February 17, on the retirement of Mr David Emms.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Atkinson and Miss E.C. Bateman
The engagement is announced between Simon James, younger son of Mr John Atkinson, of Copthorne, Sussex, and Mrs John Cotter, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, and Lisa Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr David Bateman, of Preston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, and Mrs Mark Vaughan-Lee, of Somerton, Somerset.

Mr G.J. Barnes and Miss W.D. Meursing
The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Dr and Mrs Colin Barnes, of Woodford Green, Essex, and Willemien, daughter of Mr Dirk and Baronesse Gerda Meursing Van Utenhove, of Aisemberg, Belgium.

Mr R.J. Barnes and Miss G.H.L. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Barnes, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Geraldine, daughter of Mrs Barbara Sinclair Halley and stepdaughter of Mr Colin Halley, of Highgate, London. The wedding will be held in Cyprus, in June.

Mr J.T. Bishop and Ms A.L. Beckley
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Bishop, of Great Baddow, Chelmsford, and Amanda, younger daughter of Aileen Beckley, of Datchet, Berkshire.

Mr C.F. Coe and Miss C.L. Waters
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Coe, of Headington, Oxford, and Carolyne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Waters, of Knightsbridge, London.

Mr J.J. Eldridge and Miss B. Bächlin
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Eldridge, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr Carl Bächlin and of Mrs Hedy Kaufman, both of Basel, Switzerland.

Mr P.H. Forster and Miss T-C. van der Spuy
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Ian Forster, of West Hampstead, and Mrs Diana Forster, of Amersham, and Tonia-Cara, daughter of Mr Anthony van der Spuy, of Houl Bay, and Mrs Jane van der Spuy, of Cape Town.

Mr A.N.M. Gould and Miss V.J.E. England
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Martin Gould, of Fordcombe, Kent, and Mrs Helen Foster-Bone, of Lerryn, Cornwall, and Veryan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald England, of Cound, Shropshire.

Mr W.D. Granger and Ms A.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Dr and Mrs John Granger, of Bournemouth, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Williams, of Llangyndeyrn, Dyfed.
Cyhoeddir dyweddiad William, mab hynaf Dr a Mrs John Granger, Bournemouth, a Alison, merch hynaf Mr a Mrs Frederick Williams, Llangyndeyrn, Dyfed.

Mr J.D. Grant-Zeid and Miss A.E. Vizor
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Grant-Zeid, of Broadway, Worcestershire, and Ann Evelyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Vizor, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.P.D. Graves and Miss R.B. Holt
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr Rodney Graves, of Chelsea, and Mrs Anne Graves, of Kensington, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Holt, of Newport Castle, Pembrokeshire.

Mr R.A.B. Pickthorn and Miss K.S. Garnett
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs Henry Pickthorn, of Chelsea Park Gardens, London, SW3, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr Anthony Garnett, of Gastard, Wiltshire, and Mrs William Dudgeon, of Stainforth, North Yorkshire.

Mr I.M. Greet and Miss E.M. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Greet, of Awbridge, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fisher, of Goulburn, NSW, Australia.

Mr A.J. Haine and Miss I.V. Gould
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Haine, of Wilton, Wiltshire, and Isabelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Blake Gould, of Lower Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr G.J.R. Heys and Miss D. Herrera
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs Basil Heys, of Mole House, East Molesey, Surrey, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guillermo Herrera, of Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia.

Mr M.D. Holland and Miss G.M.A. Wright
Michael David Holland and Gabriella Maria Audrey Wright, of London, and their families are delighted to announce their engagement to be married later this year.

Mr D.S.C. Hughes and Miss C.J. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Dominic Sebastian Charles, youngest son of Major and Mrs Edward Hughes, of Southsea, Hampshire, and Camilla Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Brooks, of Frome, Somerset.

Mr I.J. Irvine and Miss L.H. Tennant
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Irvine, of Aberdeen, and Laura, only daughter of Mr David Tennant, of Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs Rachel Scott, of Corscombe, Dorset.

Mr R.J. Muir and Miss S.E. Drew
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Muir, of Barns of Claverhouse, Dundee, and S. Ellen, only daughter of Mr Robert Drew and the late Mrs Drew, of Fulham, London.

Mr C.E. Rawlin and Miss C.M. Walsh
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Rawlin, of North Anston, South Yorkshire, and Catherine, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Richard Walsh, of Maddington, Wiltshire.

Mr N.H.D. Ryder and Miss M.N.B. Sturdy
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Henry Dudley, only son of the late Edward Dorian Dudley Ryder and of Mrs Valerie Ryder, of Kensington, London, and Marina Natascha Beatrice, daughter of the late Richmond Chartres Sturdy and of Mrs Caroline Lowe, of Chadlington, Oxfordshire.

Mr T.W.M. Smart and Miss K.J. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Smart, of Wootton, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Kirstie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Lloyd, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr H.A.C.M. Vereker and Miss A.L. Carr
The engagement is announced between Henry Alan Charles Medlicott, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Vereker, of Holton House, Burwash, Sussex, and Anna Lois, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Carr, of Quedley Copse, Flimwell, Sussex.

Mr D.M. Watt and Miss V.L.G. Gibson
The engagement is announced between David McKellar, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Watt, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow, and Victoria Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs Eric Gibson, of Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Whitehead and Mrs J.H. Hanssen
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of the late Mr Philip Whitehead and of Mrs Heather Whitehead, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Jilly, daughter of the late Mr Dennis Barnard and of Mrs Nancy Barnard, of Old Portsmouth, Hampshire.

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The glory of God is to keep things hidden, but the glory of kings is to fathom them. Proverbs 25 . 2 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABERBUR - On December 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne (née Clark) and Alain, a son, Benjamin Joseph.

AGER - On January 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Jill Johnson and John Ager, a son, Frederick Hugo, a brother for Harry.

ARMSTRONG - On January 9th 1995, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, to Samantha (née Cruz) and Stephen, a son, Harvey Charles, a brother for Nicholas.

BELL - On 7th January 1995, in Cairns, Australia, to Jo (née Webb) and Robin, a daughter, Emma, a sister for Sam.

BROYD - On Thursday 5th January 1995, to Paola (née Bergamaschi) and Richard, a treasured daughter, Elizabeth.

CROCKER - On 28th December 1994, to Paula and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Kelly Rose, a sister for Ashley and Clinton.

HAYWARD - On January 2nd, to Ann and Martin, a daughter, Aisling Alice.

ISAACS - On 1st January, to Debbie (née Menzies) and Bruce, a daughter, Darcey Celeste, a sister for Allana and Jared.

LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS - On January 8th 1995, to Lucy (née Wyman) and George, a son, Luke, a brother for Emily, Katie and James.

MARTIN SMITH - On January 8th 1995, to Sally Anne and Jonathan, a son.

MOLSON - On 9th January, to Verena (née Cayser) and Ian, a daughter, Sophie Natasha, a sister for Edward and Camilla.

MURFORD - On January 8th, to Sophia (née Budrycki) and Stephen, a son, Nicholas William, a brother for Caroline

TONER - On January 9th 1995 at 8.30 pm at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jacqui Louise (née Allen) and Michael, a daughter, Katherine, 6lbs 5oz, a sister for Rachael

VAVASOUR - On January 4th, at home, to Jill (née Fellows) and Dunstan, a son, William Alistair John, a brother for Oliver.

DEATHS

BANKS - Ernest Frederick. On 9th January 1995 peacefully at home aged 89 years. Dear father of John. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Cuddington, Worcester Park, Surrey, 11am 18th January 1995. Flowers to Frederick W Paine & Sons, 28-30 Central Road, Worcester Park, Surrey. (081) 337-1062.

BOYD-CARPENTER - On January 7th 1995, at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Vivian Frederic William, the beloved husband of Frances Eldreda. Funeral Service at Chesterfield Crematorium on Tuesday January 17th at 11am. Donations in lieu of flowers to The National Railway Museum, York would be appreciated c/o J W & J Mettam Limited, Hill Street, Bakewell, tel: (0629) 812114.

BULMER - On 10th January, Jean Lorraine, adored wife of Gordon, wonderful mother to Sally, and a kind generous friend to so many. Cremation at Easthampstead Park, Bracknell, Monday 16th January at 3 pm. Flowers welcomed to Links Bennister & Co. Ltd., 69 High Street, Ascot, Berks.

CHAPLIN - Peacefully on 4th January 1995, Enid Joyce (née de Souza) aged 88. Beloved wife for 55 years of Bernard.

DEATHS

CAUSEBROOK - Norma, aged 39 years, died unexpectedly at home, Nether Heyford, Northampton, on Friday 6th January, wife of Mark, mother of James and Thomas. Funeral Service at SS Peter and Paul Church, Nether Heyford, on Monday 16th January at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in favour of Great Ormond Street Childrens' Hospital. Enquiries or donations to R.T. Bodily Funeral Director, Everdon, Daventry. tel: (0327) 361619.

CLEVELAND-STEVENS - On 8th January, peacefully in hospital, William Hubert Carnegie, of Winchelsea, East Sussex, husband of the late Mary, beloved father of Penelope and Nicholas, and grandfather of Samantha, Kate, Chloe, Felicia and William. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Goudhurst, Wednesday 18th January.

da WET - Professor J.S. (Jack) passed away after a short illness on 7th January 1995 aged 81 years. Dearest husband of Madge and beloved father of John, Koos and Christian. Sadly and dearly missed. Funeral Service Tuesday 17th January, 11.45 am, Balliol College, Oxford. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Bursar, Balliol College, to benefit the Lord Mayor Treloar School for disabled children.

DIXON - Peter Neil, on January 10th at home, aged 62 years, Director of Public Health for Berkshire, dear husband of Anne and loving father of Sarah and Jo. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Henley-on-Thames, at 2 pm on January 17th. Donations, if desired, to British Lung Foundation c/o Tomalin & Son, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

DEATHS

du CANN - Lady Jenifer Patricia Evelyn, beloved wife of Edward and mother of Patrick and Louise Cooke, on 10th January, peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital, London, after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Private family funeral. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, will be appreciated by the Joseph Weld Dorsetshire Hospice, Herringston Road, Dorchester, DT1 2SL. Memorial Service to be announced later.

FORRESTER - On January 9th 1995, peacefully after a long illness most bravely borne, at Roehampton Hospital, Major Frederick Kemp M.B.E., M.A., aged 79 years. Adored and devoted husband of Doreen, much loved father of Mariana. Beloved grandfather of Jeremy and Nigel and great-grandfather of Benjamin. James and Daniel. Funeral Service at Leatherhead Crematorium on Tuesday January 17th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for The Army Benevolent Fund.

HAWKE - On 6th January 1995, peacefully in hospital, Mollie aged 93. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service 1.40 pm on Friday 13th January at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired can be sent to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W. Sussex, tel: (0903) 234616.

DEATHS

HOWARD-JONES - On January 10th, very peacefully at Fleet & District Hospital, Violet Ethel (Vi), much loved mother of Jeremy and Rachel (Leland), Nigel and Nicola, and grandmother of Johnny, Suzie, Charlotte, Richard, Victoria and George. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Fleet, Hants, on Wednesday January 18th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Patients Charitable Fund, Fleet & District Hospital, Church Road, Fleet, Hants.

JACKSON - M.B.E. On January 8th 1995, passed peacefully away at home after a short illness, Miss Thirza Mary Brady (Mary) aged 85 years. Beloved sister of Lorna and Rosamund, a dearly loved aunt and great-aunt and closest friend of Rosemary. A life long service to the Girls' Association. The funeral service will be held at the Church of St James, Gretton, on Wednesday January 18th 1995 at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers or if desired donations to St James Church, Gretton, c/o E.M. Dorman Funeral Director, 10 Main Street, Bisbrooke, Uppingham, Rutland, LE15 9EP.

LIDSTONE - On 10th January 1995, peacefully at Yeatm Manor Nursing Home, Yealmpton, South Devon (formerly of Woodford Green, Essex), Helena (née Johnston) aged 88 years, wife of the late Graham Lidstone, much loved mother of Derek and mother-in-law of Marian and very dear grandmother of Matthew and step-grandmother of Daniel and Thomas. Funeral Service at Efford Crematorium, nr. Plymouth, on Tuesday 17th January at 1 pm. Flowers may be sent c/o Allan James Funeral Director, Sandaway, Brixton, nr. Plymouth, tel: (0752) 880487.

DEATHS

MEADOWS - On Saturday 7th January 1995, at home, Christopher James. Private funeral. All enquiries or donations, if desired, to MacMillan Nurses Fund c/o Marie Curie Fund c/o Coombes & Sons, 73 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey. tel: (0626) 833409.

MINTER - Howard, on January 10th, peacefully, the beloved husband of Liz, much loved father of Geoffrey and Roy and father-in-law of Michelle and Nickie. Devoted grandfather of James, Tamara, Melita, William, Ben and Charlie. Service at 11.30 am on Monday 16th January at St Andrew's Church, South Stoke, Oxfordshire. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson & Co. Ltd., Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks., tel: (0635) 522210.

MOODY - On January 10th 1995, at home, James aged 87. Musician and Composer. Funeral Service Cheltenham Crematorium, Wednesday 18th January at 2 pm. Cut flowers only to Funeral Director, Northseach, but donations if desired to a charity of choice.

MURRAY - On January 9th, Elsie Gertrude, much loved mother of James and special grandmother to Anna and Katie. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, on Tuesday January 17th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Any donations to Michelham Priory. tel: (0323) 844224.

PASTEUR - Katharine Grisell (née Gates) on 6th January 1995, peacefully, aged 90, Beloved wife of the late Hugh Pasteur and dear mother of David, Tom and Rosia and much loved grandmother to her eleven grandchildren. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Stonsted, Kent, at 2 pm on Monday 16th January.

DEATHS

ROSSON - William (Humphrey) Fairfax, peacefully at home on 10th January 1995, beloved husband of Angela, father of John of S. Africa, stepfather of Patrick; formerly General Manager of the K.P.C.U. Coffee Mills, Nairobi. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Leonard's Church, Oakley, at 12 noon on Saturday 21st January.

ROWLINSON - On Monday January 9th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Annie Sarah Foster (née Chaplin), beloved wife of the late Col. Oliver Rowlinson, a much loved sister, aunt and great aunt. Funeral Service at St Vigor's Church, Folbourn, Cambs., on Wednesday January 18th at 1.45 pm; to be followed by interment at Fulbourn Cemetery. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to St Vigor's Church Appeal Fund.

SAUNDERS - On 9th January, peacefully while staying at Harpley, Worcestershire, Charlotte Joyce Hildebrand, wife of the late Dr. Kenneth G.W. Saunders of Notash, Yarnscombe, Barnstaple, Devon. Dearly loved sister, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Friday 13th January at St Andrew's Church, Yarnscombe. Family flowers only please, but donations to St Andrew's Church c/o Rev. R.J.P. Ackworth, Rectory, Newton Tracey, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3PL.

STRAWSON - Cahir, Co. Tipperary and formerly of Findon, Sussex and Horley, Surrey, on January 8th 1995, Bridget C. (Carmel), deeply regretted by her sisters, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Interment took place in Cahir on January 7th 1995. Enquiries Eire 010353 8241265.

DEATHS

TAYLOR - Frederic Percy Bewick (Eric) F.C.I.T. peacefully on January 9th 1995 at his home in Horning. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Paul, Peter, Grahame and Elizabeth. Grandpa of Georgina, Anna, Christopher, Katherine, Sarah and Rachel. Funeral Service at St Benedict's Church, Horning, on Monday January 16th at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please or donations if desired for St Benedict's Church may be sent c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham, Norwich, NR12 8TG.

TEMPLEMAN - John Templeman, died on Monday 9th January. Any relatives and friends wishing to pay their last respects to John, may do so at his London home address between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday 13th January, and are then welcome to attend his cremation at The West London Crematorium, nr. Kensal Green Station, Harrow Road, W10, at 4.15pm. Flowers are welcome at John's home address.

THOMPSON - On January 10th 1995, in hospital and of Cheadle, Cheshire, Rowland, aged 64 years, the dearly loved husband of June, very dear father of Kim, Gary, Mark and Darren, dear father-in-law of Keith, treasured grandad of Carl and Daniel and will be sadly missed by Wendy. Service at Cheadle Parish Church on Monday January 16th at 2.15 pm, prior to committal at Manchester Crematorium, at 3 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent for Cancer Research. Enquiries and donations to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd., Brook House, Brook Road, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 1PQ. tel: (0161) 428-2097.

DEATHS

WESTON - On 10th January in Stamford Hospital, peacefully after a severe stroke, Helen, dearly loved wife and companion for 56 years (at Windsor, Sadlescombe and Ufford), of Jack (John) Weston and loving mother of Timothy, Verity and Nicola. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Ufford, on Wednesday 18th January at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Commonwealth Society for the Blind c/o R.J. Scholes, 18 Empingham Road, Stamford PE9 2RH.

WILLS - On Tuesday January 10th 1995, peacefully at Berkeley Lodge Nursing Home, Worthing, Doris Spencer, in her 89th year, dearly loved sister of the late Sir John Spencer Wills and of Douglas Brown, aunt of Colin and Nicholas, great-aunt and cousin. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, at 11.45 am on Wednesday January 18th 1995.

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DAVIDSON - A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for the life of the late Reverend Major John Stuart Davidson at St Andrew's Church, Kelso, Roxburghshire, on Saturday 21st January at 12 noon. All welcome.

POMEROY - A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth Pomeroy (Mrs Pom), Journalist and Cookery School Principal, will be held at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, at 5.30 pm Friday January 20th. All friends welcome.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT LATHAM

Robert Latham, CBE, Pepys Librarian at Magdalene College, Cambridge, 1972-82, and general editor of the Pepys *Diary*, 1970-83, died on January 4 aged 82. He was born on March 11, 1912.



THE magisterial edition of *The Diary of Samuel Pepys*, which appeared in eleven volumes between 1970 and 1983, is likely to stand as one of the triumphs of English historical scholarship. For the first nine of the volumes of the *Diary*, which were published between 1970 and 1976, Robert Latham was co-editor with Professor William Matthews, the acknowledged expert on 17th-century shorthand. In the massive task of preparing an edition of more than a million words of the *Diary* (a project conceived by the publisher George Bell as long ago as 1926) Matthews was the linguist and transcriber, Latham the historian and interpreter of the content.

Matthews died in 1975 and it fell to Latham to prepare for the press volumes ten and eleven of the *Diary*, a companion and index, on the latter of which he was capably assisted by his second wife, Linnet. The publication of these final volumes of this great oeuvre took place in 1983. But it was not the end of Latham's labours. An anthology, an illustrated Pepys and a condensed version of the whole were to follow. In addition, Latham continued prolific as a contributor to learned journals and worked tirelessly on the Magdalene Pepys catalogue until last year.

Inevitably, Latham's achievement as Pepys's editor overshadowed his distinguished career as an academic historian, many of whose pupils were to enrich a wide field of 17th-century studies. But it was his many-sidedness, his power of enjoying and communicating enjoyment, his interest in people and his inexhaustible good nature (all qualities in which Pepys himself was strong) that combined with the accuracy and industry of a true scholar to make him such an ideal editor of the great diarist.

Robert Clifford Latham was the son of a Staffordshire miner. Winning a place at Wolstanton Grammar School, he competed for a history scholarship offered by Queens' College, Cambridge, in the same year as the future Whitehall mandarin Philip Allen (now Lord Allen of Abbeydale). Rather than choose between two such outstanding candidates, the college elected both.

A brilliant first in both parts of the History Tripos was followed by an assistant lectureship at King's College London in 1935. Latham was made a lecturer on the eve of the war in 1939, in which year he married Eileen Frances Ramsay.

In 1947 Latham was appointed to a university readership at the Royal Holloway College, whose student body was then restricted to women. A tour as visiting associate professor at Los Angeles in 1955 offered him the first of many associations with the University of California, where his co-editor William Matthews held a chair. The university was to be the joint publisher in the United States of the great edition of Pepys.

Matthews's expertise in the field of 17th-century shorthand made his contribution to the finished work a *sine qua non*. An expert typist (a quality not so common among the academics of those times) he transcribed the manuscript himself and then had his wife read his transcription aloud while he checked it carefully against the manuscript. Even given this foundation, however, in establishing the text of the *Diary*, Latham's range, depth and accuracy of scholarship was decisive in many instances, and helped to establish many readings which the extreme compression of Pepys's shorthand often left ambiguous. And the plannings and execution of the great structure of learned elucidation was entirely Latham's.

Latham had been invited to undertake the work in 1950. In 1968 he accepted the chair of history at Toronto but the illness and death in 1969 of his wife blighted what should have been, given the generosity of his nature and the richness of his scholarship, a notable tenure of the professorship. He resigned his professorship in 1969 and returned to England without an academic appointment just at the moment when 20 years of work on Pepys were near bearing fruit.

Magdalene College, Cambridge, (Pepys's old college) elected him into a research fellowship in 1970 and into a full fellowship in 1972, in which year he succeeded Dr R. W. Ladborough as Pepys Librarian. But, timely as these appointments were, the emoluments of a college fellowship unsupported by a university lectureship did not amount to "a good breakfast" (as it was said in the 19th-century).

It was fortunate that the public response to the publication of the first three volumes of the *Diary* in 1970 was as enthusiastic as its reception in the learned world.

Latham married, secondly, in 1973 Linnet Birley. She took an active interest in all the complexities of this huge scholarly enterprise, not least in the years when their life was, to borrow his own witticism, "index-linked". This referred to volume eleven, the index, which was the result of four-and-a-half years of painstaking joint labour. Volume ten, a companion, which contained biographies, genealogies, maps and much other entertaining and informative matter, appeared with the index in 1983.

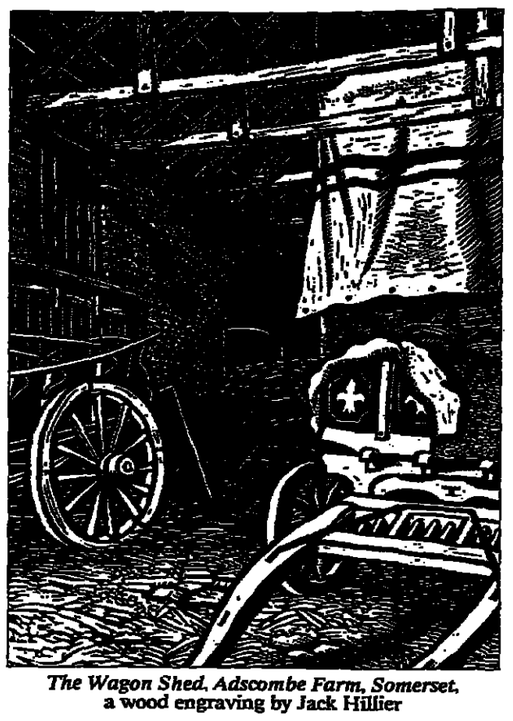
In the meantime Latham had edited *The Illustrated Pepys* (1978) and was general editor of the *Catalogue of the Pepys Library at Magdalene College, Cambridge* (1978-94). *The Shorter Pepys* (edited jointly with Linnet Latham) appeared in 1978 and *A Pepys Anthology* in 1987. Both bear the same self-effacing but unmistakably individual touch of the master.

Latham was appointed CBE in 1973, elected FBA in 1982 and made an honorary fellow of Magdalene in 1984.

His second wife died in 1990; he is survived by a son and daughter of his first marriage.

JACK HILLIER

Jack Hillier, authority on Japanese art, died on January 5 aged 82. He was born on August 29, 1912.



The Wagon Shed, Adscombe Farm, Somerset, a wood engraving by Jack Hillier

JACK HILLIER, himself a talented artist and wood-engraver, became a leading authority on the graphic arts of Japan. Reviewing two of his books on Japanese prints in 1971, the *Times Literary Supplement* described him as "the most learned exponent of the subject since the partnership of Binyon and Sexton 50 years ago".

Jack Ronald Hillier was born in Fulham, the son of a postman. His mother was connected with Lord Byron's friend, Scrope Berdmore Davies. Insurance was his livelihood but art was his true bent. He soon discovered a talent for drawing, and began making line drawings and woodcuts; his first book of these, *Old Surrey Water Mills*, was published in 1951, and 40 years later a selection of his wood-engravings was privately printed.

When war came, Hillier volunteered for the RAF and, though trained at first as an air-gunner, was posted in 1943 to the signals station at Aden, where he remained throughout the war and where exposure to the sun caused the skin cancer from which he suffered in later life. After the war he returned to his insurance firm and, browsing one lunch-hour in the Farringdon Road book market, picked up a portfolio of Japanese prints. The strong impression made on him by their technical qualities was intensified by a visit to the Hokusai centenary exhibition at the Royal Academy in 1949, and he began the serious study of Japanese art.

In the early 1950s Hillier's articles on Japanese prints in the *Connoisseur* caught the eye of Dr Horovitz of the Phaidon Press, who commissioned his first book on the subject, *Japanese Masters of the Colour Print* (1954), an excellent and comprehensive introduction. This was followed the next year by *Hokusai*, and in 1961 by *Utamaro*, both scholarly monographs which received warmly favourable reviews and led to a consultancy at Sotheby's which Hillier held for the next 25 years.

During this period he was also engaged in cataloguing a number of outstanding collections, such as those of Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, for the formation of which Hillier was largely responsible, and of Henri Vever, the Paris jeweller of the early 1900s. He was also busy organising major exhibitions in British and American museums, many of whose younger curators became his disciples, visiting his large Victorian house at Redhill, which became, in the words of one of them, "a place of pilgrimage".

In 1982 his friends and admirers joined together to mark his 70th birthday with a festschrift. His last works were *The Uninhibited Brush* (1974), a masterly study of the Shijo (naturalistic) school of painting, and the monumental two-volume *The Art of the Japanese Book* (1987), a branch of the art which Hillier had rescued from neglect and made entirely his own. In 1992 his outstanding contributions to Japanese art studies were officially recognised by his investment with the Order of the Rising Sun with gold rays and rosette.

But despite this scholarly specialisation he was a cultural all-rounder and a keen sportsman. In particular, he was gifted with a fine tenor voice which he exercised in German lieder and, in lighter vein, at meetings of the Aldrich Catch Club, of which he was a founder member. Since the mid-1970s Hillier had been dogged by bouts of ill-health, but this never affected his unfailing courtesy and good humour. Unaffected modesty was perhaps his outstanding characteristic.

He is survived by his wife Mary Louise, whom he married in 1938, a son and a daughter.

WILLIAM GOAD, GC

William Goad, GC, who won the Albert Medal (later translated to George Cross) while on wartime Arctic convoys, died on Christmas Day aged 72. He was born on May 10, 1922.



IT WAS while serving in the destroyer *Ashanti* on Murmansk convoys in the winter of 1942 that William Goad won his Albert Medal for a rescue which he carried out in conditions of extreme hazard. At that time a Leading Seaman, he volunteered to go over the ship's side on a line after a senior officer, Commander Colin Maud, had fallen overboard.

The weather was appalling; a full gale was blowing, whipping up gigantic seas which incessantly flung the destroyer on her beam ends. To go overboard on a line in such conditions carried with it the near certainty that the would-be rescuer would be slammed against the steel plating of the ship's side every time she rolled or, indeed, be swept right under the bilge keel.

In addition, the temperature of the sea in those northern waters was well below freezing at that time of the year. Drenched through as he was from the very outset of his rescue attempt, Goad's hands might quickly have lost all blood circulation, rendering them completely useless. Indeed, in those latitudes death from hypothermia could happen in a matter of minutes.

Remarkably, Goad overcame all these hazards and succeeded in locating the officer in the murk of an Arctic winter's day. In spite of the numbing cold which threatened at every moment to paralyse his hands, he laid hold on Commander Maud and brought him to the safety of *Ashanti*'s deck.

The Albert Medal which Goad was awarded for this rescue was gazetted on January 26, 1943, and he received his decoration from King George VI at Buckingham Palace in July of that year. At the time his former commanding officer in *Ashanti* (the ship's company having been by then dispersed) told him in a letter that he deserved to have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, as well.

Born into a farming family in Cambridgeshire, William Goad went to school at Stretham near Ely and joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15 in 1937. During the war he served in all the principal naval theatres, including the Atlantic and the Far East, gaining the campaign medals associated with them and several times having ships sunk under him.

When the Korean War broke out he saw service there, too, retiring from the Navy at the end of that conflict as a chief petty officer in 1953. Going back to his native Cambridgeshire he joined his brother working on his father's farm, where at the age of 30 he had to learn the business from scratch.

The brothers ran the farm after their father's retirement eight years later, William concentrating on the management of the 300-head herd of beef cattle, while his brother Jack looked after the arable side.

Bill Goad finally retired in 1987, but after the death of his wife following an attack of meningitis in 1988 he enrolled as a volunteer driver with the local social services. In this capacity he was able to do valuable work for his community.

On November 21, 1956, when a new naval housing estate had been opened at Chatham by the Duchess of Kent, five Victoria Cross winners and four Albert Medal holders had streets named after them, one being Goad Avenue.

A gentle, retiring man, Goad never thrust himself forward, although his tall, slim figure and good looks ensured that he could never be overlooked at reunions of the VC and GC Association.

When in 1971 the Albert Medal was translated into the George Cross and holders of the AM were invited to exchange the insignia for that of the GC, Goad declined. "The King put that on my chest and I'm keeping it", he said.

Goad was not the only member of his family to hold the George Cross. His brother-in-law Joseph Hughes won the GC posthumously when, while serving with the Royal Army Service Corps in Hong Kong in 1946, he attempted single-handed to extinguish a fire which had broken out in the back of a three-ton munitions lorry he was driving. Hughes's brave efforts and his shouted warnings to everyone else in the vicinity to get clear of the blazing vehicle undoubtedly prevented severe loss of life when the explosives suddenly blew up, fatally wounding him.

William Goad's wife Sally, whom he had met in Scotland during the war, had been a longtime sufferer from Parkinson's disease, and it was hoped by him that any money that might be raised by the sale of his decoration would be donated to research into the condition. He is survived by three sons.

JOHN WRIGHT

John Wright, Under-Secretary, Overseas Development Administration, 1971-84, died of heart disease on December 24 aged 66. He was born on May 30, 1928.



JOHN WRIGHT was a historian and economist by training, and a diplomat and public servant by inclination.

Straight from college he worked for several years with the OEEC in Paris in its early days, specialising in economic statistics, agriculture and food. He returned from there to Britain for a decade of work on atomic energy and on the scientific side of the Ministry of Defence.

Reverting to diplomacy he spent five years heading the economic departments of the Commonwealth Relations and Foreign Offices. He then embarked on more than 13 years as Under-Secretary on the Overseas Development side of the FCO. To all these specialised, long-term jobs he brought practical, first-class analytical and diplomatic skills. For the last decade of his life he worked for a variety of charitable, academic and beneficent organisations and as an economic and financial consultant.

John Keith Wright was the only child of a distinguished electrical engineer. From Tiffin's School he went as a history scholar to King's College, Cambridge, where he took firsts in both history and economics. Thereafter his first job was with Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in Paris in its formative years. Before returning to Britain in 1956 he spent three years in the OEEC's Agriculture and Food Directorate.

In 1956 atomic energy and the scientific side of the Defence Ministry called for good economic minds and cool risk and statistical analysis. So from 1956 to 1966 Wright turned from the long-term problems of food and agriculture to those of energy and defence, working first for five years with the UK Atomic Energy Authority, and then on the scientific side of the Ministry of Defence. In 1966 he moved across Whitehall for a five-year stint as chief economic adviser, first to the Commonwealth Relations Office until 1968 and then to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In 1971 he moved to the Overseas Development Administration as Under-Secretary, a job he held for nearly 14 years.

On leaving government service he turned to economic and financial consultancy, in co-operation with several ex-colleagues. He did a number of useful jobs for businesses looking for support from government agencies, and for first-rate statistical analysis.

Increasingly, his time was taken up by cultural and charitable activities. As a gifted but untrained painter, for example, he induced his schoolfellow, John Bratby, to give him a crash course in painting. A resultant large Bratby-style painting was accepted by the Royal Academy for its annual exhibition and hung on the line. It then graced the dining-room wall of his home.

Much of his time was devoted to charitable and public service activities. As a JP for Dover and Kent he became familiar with the boom in crime and the state of our prisons. On the council of King's College London the problems of university funding became all too familiar. As a trustee of the Thomson Foundation he learnt about the media problems of the Third, and latterly of the Second, Worlds.

He was elected and re-elected to the executive committee of the Athenaeum, and contributed to several of their discussion groups.

Although he had graduated with high honours, and several prizes, including the E. M. Forster Award which took him to Yale, and had made invaluable contributions as a government servant, he received no governmental honours. Perhaps his work was too long-term and varied.

John Wright is survived by his wife, Thérèse Aubenas, a colleague in the OEEC, whom he married in 1958.

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POOR SPEAKING OF ENGLISH

LOST INFLUENCES IN THE HOME SCHOOL DEFICIENCIES

An outspoken criticism of modern teaching of English in the schools and an appeal for English to be made the central and essential subject of the curriculum was made yesterday by Profesor J. Dover Wilson, Professor of Education at King's College, University of London, when speaking at Harrow School. He was addressing the third quinquennial conference of young public school masters.

The longer he lived, he said, and the more he had to do with university graduate students, to say nothing of other so-called educated persons, the more urgently the problem of written English forced itself on his attention. The quality of the English, spoken and written, of university graduates was a national menace. He lived in a suburb of London where there were a number of large houses with large gardens profusely stocked. But many of the houses contained very few books and those they had got were generally of the wallpaper variety, often never opened. Most of the boys from such houses went to the public schools. Was it not true that to-day good English was heard in very few homes?

In the old days something went on in the home which had largely disappeared now—the daily reading of the Bible and the offering of prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. The young ear was attuned to the rhythms of the best English prose ever written; the young vocabulary was enriched with the simplest words from the greatest things; the expanding mind was filled with countless images of the utmost grandeur. So, unconsciously, and without the aid of any pedagogue, the English people, of the God-fearing middle classes, like the Greeks of old, grew in grace, being nourished on music, the music of one of the greatest literatures in the world. The rhythm and harmony which found their way into the secret places of the souls of modern children were of a very different kind; they bellowed from the non-selective loud-speaker which was never turned off. It was true that if boys and girls heard the English language less they read it more, but what did they read? Evening newspapers, shoddy tales, and magazines for the most part.

The classics would never resume their ancient sovereignty, and their only possible successor was the English language for English boys. Yet so far English was only one of many subjects in the anarchy of the modern school curriculum. That was partly because it had not yet proved its title to reign. The technique of English teaching, especially of English speech and writing, had still to be worked out but English, especially the writing of English prose, must become the central and essential subject of the school curriculum... It must take the place of Latin, and must perform the function that Latin had for centuries performed.

Dealing with modern faults in the writing of English, Profesor Dover Wilson said the chief vice of modern English prose was the use of abstractions. There was also the *cliché*, the stereotyped phrase, the mouldy outworn expression, the reach-me-down of hasty thought.

The remedy was, first, that all teachers in secondary schools, public or municipal, should be aware of the evils and refuse to tolerate them; and, secondly, that the form master should be specially responsible and qualified in the matter and should make all his boys, apart from any literary work, spend at least two periods a week writing some English.

ON THIS DAY

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Sixty years ago the distinguished Shakespearian scholar and educationist, J. Dover Wilson remarked that "the quality of the English, spoken and written, of university graduates was a national menace." He was speaking to young public school masters.

Tracking down hotel specials

THE traditional post-Christmas lull in London hotel bookings means that most hoteliers are offering special deals. The Chelsea Hotel in Knightsbridge, for example, has a special rate for *Times* readers of £99 per night per room, including VAT and English breakfast (071-235 4377).

Help in tracking down the best deal can be had from the London Tourist Board's hotel reservations service (071-824 8844) or from agencies such as Expotel which monitor special offers (071-328 1790).

Moving in

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DAVID CHURCHILL



Lindisfarne Castle, Northumberland: one of the glories sometimes ignored by visitors flocking to "honeypot" attractions

Our hidden treasures

The National Trust will today mark its centenary year with the launch at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, of an ambitious programme of events in the presence and under the patronage of the Prince of Wales.

The sponsors of the launch are two of the most aggressive and successful representatives of the tourist industry, British Airways and Forte, a recognition of the fact that the marketing of Britain's heritage is big business.

Our history, and the buildings, monuments and landscapes that record it, are easily the biggest attraction for visitors. Yet the authorities have been slow to recognise that this history embraces more than the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Edinburgh Castle and a handful of historic towns.

There are those both within and outside of the trust who will deplore the whole idea of a more commercial approach, given the the congestion that afflicts areas such as the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

But the answer must surely be to spread the net wider and to persuade visitors that there is still a wealth of places where they will not find overcrowding. Not only the trust, but tourist boards and national park authorities, would welcome anything that takes the pressure off the so-called "honeypots".

Forte Heritage have made an admirable start in publishing, with the trust, a map showing the location of trust properties throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland has its own separate trust). They range from Lindisfarne Castle, off the Northumberland coast, to the Lizard peninsula in south west Cornwall, and from Dunwich Heath, in Suffolk, to Plas Newydd House in Anglesey.

The attractions are briefly described and are accompanied by a list of Forte hotels. Visitors with a copy of the map qualify for a 20 per cent discount on a two-night leisure break. Self-catering holidays can be booked in any of 220 trust-owned cottages, flats and farmhouses.

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Airline issues a challenge

Birmingham wins a Chicago link

MORE than ten million people living in the Midlands have been given 12 months to show that they will use direct flights to the United States.

American Airlines, which lost £10 million in less than a year when it opened regional air services from Stansted, has now agreed to experiment again with daily flights from Birmingham to Chicago from the end of May. But if the operation is not working after a year, the airline has said that it will abandon the trial.

The new service is the first to be launched since the Transport Secretary, Brian Mawhinney, opened up Britain's regional airports to all comers at the end of last year. Birmingham, in common with many other regional airports, claimed that there was a vast potential market of passengers who did not want to go to over-crowded Heathrow or Gatwick.

At first few airlines showed any interest in the new freedom to fly where they wanted, arguing that only Heathrow provided the potential to meet demand.

American Airlines, however, now believes that it can sell 75 per cent of available seats on daily flights between Birmingham and its twin city, Chicago. It believes that its 174-seat Boeing 767 twin jets will carry both business and leisure passengers and many will fly on to the other 500 destinations served by AA through Chicago.

Although the airline lost money heavily when it tried to operate from Stansted, American is hoping to match the success of its Manchester to Chicago service, which has been flying since 1986 and is now one of the most profitable of all its international routes.

Ironically, the new service was announced on the same day that British Airways suspended its daily flight from Birmingham to New York. BA had always had difficulty in making a profit on the route, and decided to reduce the number of seats from 219 a day to 161 by using a Boeing 757 instead of the larger 767. This entailed changes to the duty times of the cabin crew, who refused to sign a new agreement. BA immediately suspended the service.

"We cannot and will not increase our costs to operate a service which does not cover its own operating costs," said George Cooper, the managing director of BA Regional.

A NEW airline, Air Belfast, has been created as the direct result of the Northern Ireland peace initiative. The airline, part of the Air Bristol group, will fly five times a day between Belfast and Stansted with a simple return fare of £70. "Everyone has heard of the two passengers sitting next to each other, one having paid three times the price of the other persons's ticket," said Air Belfast managing director Brian Beal. "Other airlines can defend their confusion. We intend to keep it simple."

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After a deluge of advertising, the tour companies discover that their customers are still reluctant to reach for their cheque books

Where have all the bookings gone?



The Travel Business
HARVEY ELLIOTT

Something odd is going on in the travel business. Overnight, Britain has stopped buying summer package holidays.

Immediately after Christmas travel agencies from Caithness to Cornwall, which for weeks had been bustling and buzzing with would-be clients, were suddenly empty as tens of thousands of customers stayed at home, ignoring glossy television advertising campaigns and turning their backs on the biggest discounts ever offered.

The astonishing display of collective behaviour appears to have no common cause yet it occured evenly across the country and affected both big and small companies.

The phenomenon was sufficient to cause serious concern in many of the big travel organisations, who immediately called in their top management this week for "brain-storming" sessions designed to find out why their best marketing efforts were being ignored.

The idea had been simple — hit them at about Christmas-time with discounts and, as the economy is now clearly improving, everyone will rush out and book for two weeks in the sun.

Such a strategy had worked well before and last winter's discounts had produced well over two million bookings in January. Eventually, 11.42 million package summer holidays were taken last year — a 15.5 per cent increase on 1993.

Over the year as a whole almost 16.6 million passengers flew off on holiday and paid an average of £356 each, giving a total revenue to Britain's 1,000 holiday companies of almost £6 billion. Even with profit margins of about 2 per cent, this was still a reasonable return and it seemed that the rise would go on inexorably.

The large high street travel agencies launched a similar campaign this year, starting before Christmas. Extra staff were drafted in to cope with the anticipated surge in demand and tour operators rubbed their hands in eager anticipation of a bumper crop of early bookings. But by New Year's Eve, far from being better, bookings were down by about 20 per cent. Forcing a smile, the trade reasoned that the slump could not possibly go on. Everything would improve in the New Year.

It was, in fact, far worse. By the beginning of this week some tour operators had sold 35 per cent fewer holidays than in the first week of 1994. On average, the whole industry was down by about 30 per cent — whether discounts were being offered or not.

A small independent tour operator I know sold 229 holidays on the first working Saturday of 1994. On the same day this year they dropped to 135. One high street branch of a big travel agency chain sold 59 holidays on the first Saturday of last year — but only two this year.

By Monday a mood of intense gloom, bordering on despair, was gripping the industry as the best marketing brains tried to work out what had gone wrong and how to put it right. So far, nobody has been able to come up with the answer.

Most are putting on a brave face and calling it little more than "a phase" which will soon pass. Others think the range of discounts are now so confusing that buyers have been put off by the plethora of offers.

The particular timing of Christmas and the New Year, with two weekends being caught up in the overall holiday period, was also being put forward as a reason for the decline, as was a general feeling of pessimism about the future economic health of the country, a mis-timing of the advertising drive, cynicism about the reality of the price cuts, a conviction that prices will be lower still later on and a gut feeling that now is not the time to go on a spending spree.

What should holiday buyers make of all this and how can they best capitalise on the industry's problems? Two weeks ago I urged buyers to snap up the bargains which, I predicted, would not last long.

Perhaps there is no longer the same urgency. The bargains will now still be there in another month. They cannot go on through the spring, however, and if the holidays have not been sold by the beginning of March the trade will simply cancel its hotel and airline seat bookings to bring supply and demand more into line.

Meanwhile, watch out over the next few weeks for the odd sign of panic and even bigger short-term reductions just to stimulate the whole market. Then take advantage and book immediately.

While some destinations are desperate for bookings, **Marianne Curphey** and **David Churchill** report on two unlikely success stories

Kenya strikes tourist gold

British tourists are returning in force to Kenya. Tour operators, who saw numbers drop in the run-up to the 1992 elections, are putting together new programmes and reporting a huge increase in business. Some say bookings are up by more than 40 per cent.

Kenya appears to have found fresh popularity with those who might otherwise have gone to The Gambia. Foreign Office advice had been that people without "compelling reasons" to travel to the West African state should still consider postponing their visits. Tourism to Kenya has also increased in spite of an advertising campaign by the South African Tourist Board.

Kenya's appeal lies in its fine white-sand beaches, comparable with the best of the Caribbean or India, and in its game parks, where lion, elephant, rhino and giraffe are abundant.

Raitt Orr, consultants to the Kenyan government, said the recent Christmas and new year period had been particularly buoyant and there were some extremely good deals available because Kenya was relatively cheap.

Ash Sofat, a Kenya holiday specialist, said his company Somak expected to carry a record 25,000 people this year. "Kenya can offer safaris, beaches and good accommodation. Prices start from £700 per person for two weeks and there are daily flights into Nairobi."

However, despite tourists' willingness to try Kenya once again, a firm of leading business risk assessors says little has changed since November 1992, when a number of British tour operators, including Airtours and Owners Abroad (now First Choice Holidays), pulled out. Tourists numbers began to decline in 1988 after the death of Julie Ward in the Masai Mara game reserve.

First Choice has not included Kenya in its summer 1995 brochures. A spokeswoman said: "We may review our position next season but we would have to be confident that we could guarantee holidaymakers' safety. When we pulled out originally, we did so on Foreign Office advice."

Airtours has gone back into Kenya this summer with both a mass-market and an upmarket programme. Hayes & Jarvis, which has been taking tourists to Kenya for more than 20 years, says the risks to visitors are minimal. Declan Morton, its spokesman, said: "Malaria is a real risk throughout much of Africa and the Far East but there are effective anti-malarials on the market. There have been no recent incidents involving tourists in the game parks or on the beaches."

> 'No recent incidents involving tourists in the game parks or on beaches'

Roger Dunn, Africa specialist with the London-based Control Risks Group, said corruption and ethnic tension are still rife and violence is rising in Nairobi and Mombasa as unemployed youths turn to crime.

"Tourists buses travelling to the far north of the country near the border with Somalia are held up by armed gangs from time to time and visitors should avoid isolated beaches in Mombasa, where they may be mugged," he said.

Keith Betton, from the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "Tourists are returning because there have been no recent reports of violence and because Kenya is not an unsafe destination. However, visitors are likely to encounter hawkers on the beaches at Malindi and Mombasa. Parts of Nairobi are not really safe, although the game reserves are."

Travellers were also frightened away by reports of a strain of drug-resistant cerebral malaria, still rife throughout the country. It killed Richard Hughes, the brother of the Liberal Democrat MP Simon Hughes. He caught malaria on honeymoon in Kenya despite taking prophylactics.

Dr Peter Barrett, senior officer with the London School of Tropical Medicine, says Kenya, in common with much of sub-Saharan Africa, is considered a high-risk region. Mefloquine (trade name Lariam) is now the recommended prophylactic rather than the more commonly used chloroquine. Dr Barrett said: "There is no reason for tourists not to go, but proper precautions are essential."

The Foreign Office says game reserves and the main tourist areas are "generally safe" but travellers should avoid the Malindi/Garsen/Lamu road which is vulnerable to attack.

A spokesman said: "Exercise caution everywhere. Muggings can take place at any time. Avoid travelling after dark and do not go about urban areas or coastal towns on foot at night. Avoid isolated places and exercise caution when on beaches. Armed car-hijackings are prevalent in the Nairobi area."



Snap shot: game reserves, where rhino, lion, elephant and giraffe are abundant, lie behind Kenya's appeal to the British

JAPAN IS HERE WE COME

JAPAN is experiencing a boom in British visitors for both business and leisure. In spite of the high value of the yen, the number of tourists from Britain rose by 22 per cent in the first nine months of last year to 35,000.

This brought the total number of British visitors, including business travellers, to just under 90,000. The upsurge in popularity follows efforts by the country's tourism authorities to promote budget travel and hotel accommodation. "Although Japan is often regarded as one of the most expensive places in the world for tourists, costs are no greater than in Scandinavia or Austria," says Patrick Wilson, London representative of the Japan National Tourist Organisation (JNTO). "It is quite possible to manage comfortably on £40 a day for accommodation, food and fares, especially outside Tokyo."

More than 500 traditional Japanese inns (*ryokan*), bed and breakfast hotels (*minshuku*) and mainstream hotels, for example, now come under the Welcome Inn reservations umbrella for overseas visitors. These range in price from £15 to £55 per person per night. Japan also has a sophisticated youth hostel network with more than 400 hostels, with overnight charges ranging from £6.50 to £20.

The Japan Railpass offers almost unlimited travel on the national railways, covering all the main islands. Vouchers, however, need to be bought in London before travelling.

JAPAN'S popularity has also developed from an increase in numbers of flights, especially to the recently opened Kansai International Airport. "This has made the Kansai region, Japan's historical and cultural heartland, much more accessible," Mr Wilson says. Several UK specialist tour operators are planning to introduce new tours to Japan this year.

With the growth in long-haul tourism to Australia and the Far East, many airlines now allow stopovers in Japan. The cheapest air fare with Travelbag, the specialist long-haul operator, is £699 with Malaysian Airlines from the beginning of next month until the end of March. Travelbag also has on offer a £797 return fare with China Airlines or £830 return with Virgin Atlantic. The normal economy fare is £993 return (0420 808 28).

● *JNTO, 167, Regent Street, London WR7EV (071-734 9638).*

Round the world via the land of tango

Austravel, the Down Under tour operator, is enjoying a big promotional success with its unorthodox round-the-world trip through Argentina. The conventional way around the globe is to cross North America, stopping in Los Angeles or San Francisco.

By using Aerolineas Argentinas, however, the Auspeople are able to route round-the-world travellers through Paris, Madrid, Buenos Aires and Rio Gallegos before getting back onto a more usual flightpath around New Zealand, where they have a stop-over in Auckland.

The return journey, using Malaysian Airlines, takes off from Sydney, pauses in Melbourne and stops off in Kuala Lumpur before Heathrow — a more usual route than the South American leg.

English visitors to Argentina need not feel far from home: it has not only tango and polo but also a Harrods, a Hurlingham Club and plenty of cricket. In Rio Gallegos there is even a British Club serving fish and chips.

TIM HEALD

● Tim Heald flew round-the-world with Austravel, Aerolineas Argentinas and Malaysian Airways. Return fares (London-Buenos Aires-Auckland-Sydney-Malaysia-London) start from £1,025 booked through Austravel (071-734 7755). Austravel can also prebook accommodation, internal flights and tours and offer a selection of round-the-world fares starting from £729.

Holiday bookings at the touch of a screen

Holidays are going on sale through a high street bank for the first time. NatWest is installing touchscreen travel kiosks in three branches, selling up to one million Thomas Cook holidays as well as its own financial services. Three kiosks in Thomas Cook branches will also sell both services.

From Monday, the "Touch" system will sell city breaks, Disneyland Paris, flights and summer holidays to Spain and late deals. Customers narrow their choice by answering questions such as type of holiday, destination and hotel category.

The kiosks can then display maps of cities showing hotel locations and their proximity to tourist attractions; videos of resorts in destinations such as Majorca and Tenerife; and stills of hotels.

If they decide to book, the kiosk links customers by videophone to Thomas Cook offices in Peterborough, where a clerk checks availability. Customers then book with credit or debit cards inserted into the kiosk and obtain a print-out.

The six-month trial is likely to expand into more travel destinations, with other tour operators and more resort information.

"I am staggered by the limited amount of information currently available to people," says Tony Bennett, director of strategic marketing at Thomas Cook. "The most expensive purchase of the year is often made on the basis of a 2in x 2in photo in a brochure and half a dozen words."

At a four-month trial already carried out in a Thomas Cook branch in central London, half the holiday bookings were made on the kiosk system. With NatWest joining as a partner, customers will also be able to buy insurance, open savings accounts and apply for a credit card.

STEVE KEENAN

Horror stories forecast

HIGH street travel discounts will lead to a flood of summer holiday "horror stories", it was claimed this week (*Harvey Elliott writes*). Christopher Kirker, chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), gave a warning that British holidaymakers will have to put up with food poisoning, poor hygiene and badly maintained hotels in return for a 20 per cent discount on the cost of their package.

"If British tour operators continue to extract the last ounce of flesh from hoteliers in Spain, Greece and other Mediterranean countries, whilst the Germans pay much more realistic prices for their beds, 1995 will see many more horror stories," he said.

The association represents more than 150 small independent tour operators, few of whom can afford to offer discounts but who concentrate on individual care. Together they carried 1.75 million holidaymakers a year at an average price of £570 per person.

The companies have produced a combined AITO Directory which gives details of 350 brochures and thousands of holiday options (ring 0891-515948 for a copy).

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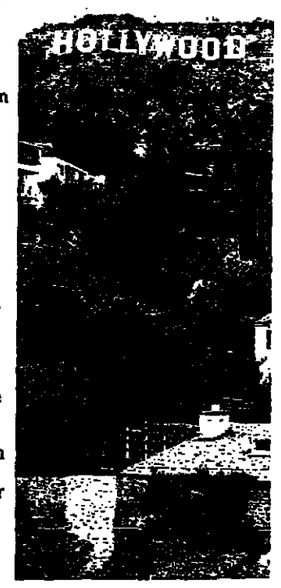
TRAVEL IN THE TIMES

Tomorrow
Passport to France: Brittany, Normandy, Provence, Monte Carlo and Gascony

Saturday
Self-catering holidays
The best of Italy
Mardi Gras in New Orleans

THE TIMES
Win the trip of a lifetime to the biggest party in history

Today is day 16 of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Dateline to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to book in 1999.



A second prize of a ten day stay for two in Fiji and the Cook Islands worth up to £7,000 and a third prize of two tickets chosen from any of the millennium party venues available to readers are also on offer.

Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties for specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg, for instance, the money will help restore the Hermitage gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet.

You could, for example, celebrate the new millennium in the home of the movie stars, Los Angeles, and stroll down Rodeo drive by day or Hollywood Boulevard by night. Your stay will be at the Regent Beverly Wilshire hotel, newly restored to its original grandeur, with Italian Baroque stonework, and Aubisson tapestries. The cost is £2,250 per person now or £50 per month per person for five years.

CORRECTION. ***Please note that question 11 should have read:*** *When did Mexico cede the state of California to the United States?*



To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the celebrations, to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition Rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday. Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

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NEWS

Tories begin to woo back rebels

■ *The Government began wooing back the Conservative* Euro-rebels as a Cabinet minister said he hoped their breach with the party would be resolved as speedily as possible.

Five of the nine rebels supported the Government in votes that will retain its majority on the standing committees examining legislation in detail. Four of them abstained but two were understood to be abroad. Those backing the Government were Sir Richard Body, Sir Teddy Taylor, John Wilkinson, Nicholas Budgen and Richard Shepherd..... **Pages 1, 11, 19**

Maurice Saatchi sets up rival agency

■ Maurice Saatchi is setting up his own rival advertising agency with help from the three Saatchi & Saatchi executives who resigned earlier this week in protest at his dismissal last month from the agency he formed in 1970 ..... **Pages 1, 25, 27**

EU veto threat

The European Union was facing a constitutional crisis after the Socialist majority in the parliament threatened to veto Jacques *Santer's new European* Commission ..... **Page 1**

Church 'too left-wing'

The senior chaplain at Eton has condemned the Church of England for having become politically correct, left-wing and sectarian..... **Page 1**

Amis book deal

One of the publishing world's most bitter and protracted auctions finally ended when Martin Amis clinched a two-book deal with HarperCollins for a sum in the region of £500,000..... **Page 1**

Chechenia peace call

President Dudayev of Chechenia made his first public appearance for almost two weeks and called for a peaceful end to the conflict with Russia ..... **Pages 1, 13**

£700,000 payout

A High Court judge has ordered Christie's to pay almost £700,000 to an art dealer for a painting *ruled to be a forgery under the* company's conditions..... **Page 3**

Oxbridge challenge

The heads of Oxford and Cambridge colleges are uniting behind a legal challenge against the London club which bears their name in protest at its treatment of women ..... **Page 5**

Japanese excluded

Japan will not be represented at the ceremonies in Britain to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the Far East..... **Page 8**

Ticket sale curbs

An 80 per cent cent cut in the *number of railway stations where* passengers can buy through tickets is one option being considered, the independent rail regulator has confirmed.. **Page 9**

Goodwill gesture

The Pope left Rome at the start of an Asian tour after a gesture of goodwill toward Buddhists irritated by what some saw as an offensive reference in his recent book ..... **Page 12**

Singapore debate

The Singaporean Government is attempting to define the limits of political debate that it will tolerate *in the island city-state, which* has moved from squalor to become a world economic power in three decades..... **Page 15**

Croatian threat to UN

President Tudjman of Croatia *has said that the 15,000 United* Nations peacekeepers must leave the country ..... **Page 13**

US flood chaos

Mudslides, gridlock and flooding brought chaos to much of California, as the San Francisco area emerged saturated from more than a week of rain..... **Page 14**

How stars emerged in 'empty' sky

■ Astronomers exploring what was believed to be an empty quarter of the sky have discovered 50 galaxies. The Bootes Void, 700 million light years from Earth and 500 times the size of the Milky Way, was believed to be empty of stars. It turns out that there are plenty there, but they are too dim to be easily spotted ..... **Page 7**



MICHAEL POWELL

Traders Joseph Deadman, left, and Norman Gregory take a close look at the newly renovated clock at Smithfield Market, London

BUSINESS

Economy: Factory output fell sharply in November. Seasonally adjusted figures showed manufacturing output was 0.7 per cent lower than in October ..... **Page 25**

Banking: Paribas, the French investment bank, is to build a new headquarters in Marylebone to accommodate *all of its UK* operations..... **Page 25**

Jobs: Staff in National Westminster Bank's retail division will today receive a letter outlining plans for further job cuts..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 11.0 points to close at 3049.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose *from 79.2 to 79.3 after a rise from* $1.5600 to $1.5605 and from DM2.3934 to DM2.3957 ..... **Page 28**

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Cricket: Darren Gough flew home from the tour of Australia after suffering a stress-fracture of the left foot. He should be able to resume training in mid-March ..... **Page 46**

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Rugby union: Scotland have made nine changes to the side that lost 34-10 to South Africa for the game *against Canada on January 21.* There are two new caps, Eric Peters and Stewart Campbell..... **Page 43**

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Fertility breakthrough: A new test-*tube baby technique should bring* hope to thousands of infertile couples..... **Page 17**

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Gory epic: Dumas's novel of French 16th-century religious warfare, *La Reine Ma.. ot*, has been turned into a gory l..m by Patrice Chéreau. Also released this week is the new Ang Lee movie, *Eat Drink Man Woman* ..... **Page 37**

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Until Tony Blair understands that European policy, like Labour's constitution, should be more than a dogged adherence to outdated constructs, he will be letting down the very "new" Labour Party that he has been trying so hard to create ..... **Page 19**

Think it through

A network that is trying to attract private investment should go out of its way to make it easier for customers to buy tickets — rather than the *opposite* ..... **Page 19**

Meanwhile in Madrid

Recent history of Spain has taught that there can be few acts more futile than to demand the resignation of Felipe González..... **Page 19**

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ALAN CLARK

For millennia, man's relationship with animals was governed by respect. Animals ran faster, cared for their young, had greater stamina and were naturally more elegant and handsome..... **Page 18**

JANET DALEY

Much liberal conventional wisdom about social issues arises from a misinterpretation of Freud. Among the more serious misunderstandings is the idea that he believed all *repression of instinctual impulses* to be unhealthy..... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

The Labour party is a long way from being Blairite in either head or heart..... **Page 11**

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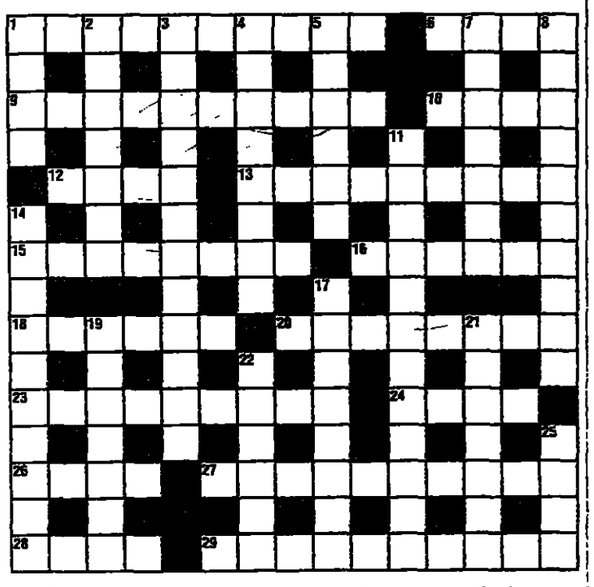
■ ***JUMP START***
The complete colour guide of *point-to-points* this season

IN THE PRESS

The war in Algeria grinds remorselessly on, and gets worse by the month. If disaster is to be avoided on the southern shore of the Mediterranean, a change of course appears necessary. *The change has to* be carried out by Algerians, but they can be helped by Europe — not least by France
— *International Herald Tribune*

Trade and information aren't the only things that have gone global. Try drug addiction
— *The Wall Street Journal*

THE CROSSWORD NO 19,750



ACROSS

1 Audience standing up, well-pleased with one's address (5-5)
6 Not a great deal of notice (4)
9 Uttered in a death rattle (10)
10 Vessel for runner-up in race (4)
12 Marine detachment (4)
13 and 16: Roman marbles missing (3,6,6)
15 Said sale was fiddled and became aggressive (8)
16 See 13 *ac* (6)
18 It's all right to return a large amount of money (6)
20 A pound of sultanas (8)
23 About time to correct the height indicator (9)
24 Where barristers get refreshers? (4)
26 *A fall gives work to the doctor* (4)
27 Fast-service ammunition (6-4)
28 Scrape up and sweep back (4)
29 Soldiers in irregular wars need someone to provide intelligence (10)

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1 Stretcher-bearers? (4)
2 Reveals United Nations demand in writing (7)
3 Means being out of employment? (6,6)
4 Advanced in a rush, but thought better of it (8)
5 Intoned, perhaps, but not given due recognition (6)
7 *Primate filling role as a source of* protection (7)
8 Soldering irons start making an electronic device (10)
11 Fail to win a single game and get annoyed (4,8)
14 A gift for dishonesty? (10)
17 Directions for making machine parts (8)
19 Used for hanging pirate captain holding up vessel (7)
21 Neckline that may bring out a whistle (7)
22 Macbeth, for example, is following bearing fuel (6)
25 A slight incoherence in speech (4)

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 13°C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7°C (44F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.04in; highest sunshine: Penzance, Cornwall, 1.9hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
8.02 am	4.16 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
4.06 am	1.01 pm

Full Moon January 16
London 4.16 pm to 8.02 am
Bristol 4.26 pm to 8.11 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 9.37 am
Manchester 4.15 pm to 8.19 am
Penzance 4.43 pm to 8.17 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** low pressure east of the UK will maintain a northerly airstream. Cloud and rain will reach the northwest later.

England and Wales will be mainly dry with clear or sunny spells, apart from wintry showers, chiefly near East Anglia. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry at first but rain, preceded by snow on hills, will reach the northwest by midday.

☐ **London, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind light to moderate northerly. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, E England:** mainly dry with clear or sunny spells, but isolated wintry showers at first near the east coast. Wind fresh to strong northerly, moderating later. Max 5C (41F).

☐ ***Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:*** mainly dry with clear or sunny intervals. Winds light northerly, becoming westerly. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** dry then rain spreading from west. Winds light northerly, becoming fresh to strong southwesterly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** mainly dry, with some wintry showers, then light rain spreading from the west. Winds fresh to strong northwesterly, moderating then becoming southwesterly and strengthening. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Outlook:** milder with some rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	0.04	3	38	sn	Littlehmptn	-	0.01	10	50	c
Anglesey	-	0.29	11	52	r	Liverpool	-	0.31	10	50	r
Aspatria	-	0.43	9	48	r	London	0.1	0.02	11	52	c
Ayr/more	-	0.35	2	36	sl	Lowestoft	-	0.12	7	45	r
Belfast	-	0.10	11	52	r	Manchester	-	0.35	11	52	r
Birmingham	-	0.04	11	52	r	Margate	-	0.10	8	46	r
Bognor R	0.1	0.01	10	50	r	Minehead	0.1	-	13	55	c
Bournem'th	-	0.01	11	52	d	Morecambe	-	0.49	9	48	r
Bristol	0.2	0.02	11	52	d	Newcastle	-	0.36	6	43	r
Buxton	-	0.84	9/48			Norwich	0.1	0.24	7	45	r
Cardiff	-	0.03	10	50	r	Nottingham	-	0.05	9	48	r
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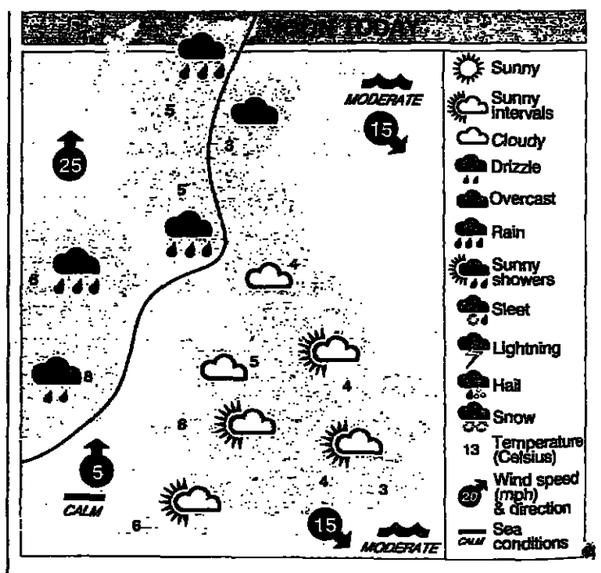
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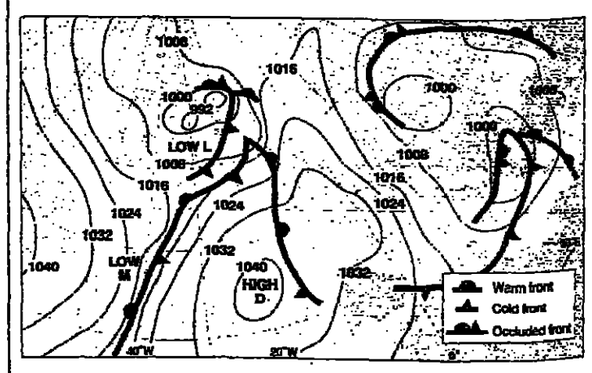
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Warsaw	0	32	c
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Wellington	18	64	s
Zurich	4	39	c

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Holyhead	7:23	4.61	7:39	4.62	Southampton	7:27	3.90	8:09	3.75
Hull	2:33	5.89	3:18	6.03	Swansea	2:43	7.29	3:20	7.53
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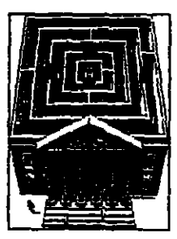
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Cut in output takes City by surprise

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S industrial activity dropped in November, suggesting that the boom conditions enjoyed earlier in 1994 are slackening off.

The Central Statistical Office (CSO) said that manufacturing output fell by 0.7 per cent in November compared with City expectations of a rise of 0.3 per cent. The annual rate of manufacturing growth fell back to 4.5 per cent from 5.2 per cent. Total production, which includes the North Sea, fell by 1 per cent.

It was significant that there were no special one-off factors — although warm weather in November contributed to a sharp fall in energy usage — and that one of the largest falls in activity came in the key engineering sector, which had previously delighted economists with its strong performance.

The City had been expecting another rise in industrial production and said that yesterday's figures weakened the case for higher interest rates — at least to the extent that some pessimists have been forecasting. Rates are still expected to move higher again but any action may now be delayed somewhat while the authorities monitor developments in industry against a background of weakening consumer demand.

The minutes of the December 7 monetary meeting published yesterday showed that although Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, counselled the half-point increase in base rates announced that day, his case was not unambiguous.

Whereas in past published minutes, it has been Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who has emphasised weakening consumer confidence, this time Mr George clearly shared these worries. He said he was concerned that a rise might be interpreted as a sign that the Bank thought inflationary risks were greater than they actually were.

Mr George also noted that there remained a dichotomy between the strength of manufacturing sector and the "more cautious personal sector".

It is ironic in the light of subsequent economic evidence that Mr George's main argument in favour of the December rate rise was upward revisions to third quarter gross domestic product figures and also the fact that "industrial production had remained strong in October".

After the December meeting, third-quarter GDP growth was revised downwards. Yesterday's fall in industrial production covered the month after the one cited by the Governor.

Taking the latest three months compared with the previous three — the comparison favoured by the CSO — manufacturing was still 0.8 per cent ahead, but this was the lowest three-month on three-month growth rate since January 1994, suggesting a genuine slowdown in industrial activity.

Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said that yesterday's figures were not dramatically weak but still suggested that the strong pace of industrial expansion seen earlier in 1994 had slowed.

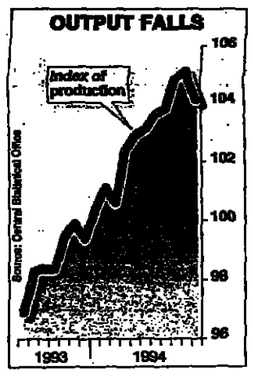
Even if these figures are subsequently revised upwards, he believes that GDP growth in the fourth quarter will not match the performance of the third.

More months of figures will be needed before it can be certain whether industrial growth is slackening off.

That is certainly not the picture picked up in surveys from the Confederation of British Industry, which suggest continued buoyancy. But Mr Saunders noted that weakening demand in the housing, cars and retail sales sectors may already have had a knock-on effect on industry.

Somewhat disappointing for the Government, which is hoping for a sharp rise in industrial investment this year, was November's 2.2 per cent fall in the production of investment goods compared with October's level.

☐ US consumer prices rose by only 0.2 per cent in December, lower than the market expected and confirming that inflationary pressures remain subdued despite economic growth that is still healthy.



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Further job cuts at NatWest



Lord Alexander, left, NatWest's chairman, and Derek Wanless, the chief executive

By Robert Miller

STAFF in National Westminster's retail division will today receive letters outlining plans for further job cuts; details of the proposals were handed to the bank's regional directors yesterday.

The latest round of job losses at NatWest coincides with the start of the bank reporting season: the TSB announces its year-end results today. NatWest reports on February 21. The high street clearers are expected to report a further huge increase in pre-tax profits with a collective year-end figure of more than £8 billion against interim profits last summer of more than £3 billion.

In its letter, NatWest will present staff with a series of options. These include the offer to apply for redundancy, the chance to reduce the number of hours worked and the possibility of accepting a downgrading in staff position in return for a one-off compensation payment. Part-time staff will be offered the alternative of cutting the hours they work even further.

The bank declined to put a headline figure on the number of job cuts that it wants to achieve. Last year, however, it shed more than 4,000 staff and it is understood that it would like to achieve a similar level this year.

Last August, NatWest, which over the past four years has been closing its branches at a rate of around 130 a year, reported a record 83 per cent increase in its half year pre-tax profits to £767 million.

NatWest said last night: "The package of options which we will be outlining to staff today will give us flexibility to meet our business needs in the foreseeable future."

The latest round of job cuts is certain to provoke the anger of banking unions. Since 1990, more than 110,000 banks staff have lost their jobs. And they will point to the fact that banks have achieved a turnround in their fortunes not so much by an increase in business but more because they have cut jobs, closed branches and reduced general overheads.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

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Yield	4.22%	
FT-SE A All share	1513.15	(-3.41)
Nikkei	19548.47	(+47.02)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3845.54	(-21.20)*
S&P Composite	459.32	(-2.36)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5⅛%)
Long Bond	95²⁹/₃₂*	(95²⁵/₃₂)
Yield	7.86%*	(7.88%)

LONDON MONEY

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DM	2.3928	(2.3993)
FFr	8.2610	(8.2800)
SFr	2.0077	(2.0074)
Yen	155.66	(156.40)
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DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5353*	(1.5338)
FFr	5.3035*	(5.2965)
SFr	1.2870*	(1.2825)
Yen	99.91*	(100.11)
$ Index	63.1	(63.1)

Tokyo close Yen 99.88

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $16.20 ($16.05)

GOLD

London close $376.05 ($374.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Electric storm

The 12 regional electricity companies have squandered £250 million on their loss-making electrical retail chains, according to Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, their biggest competitor.
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Skill shortage

The Government's funding of adult industrial training programmes is already proving inadequate to meet the skill shortages that are emerging with economic recovery, say those in charge of the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils.
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British Coal land portfolio for sale

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH COAL is to offer its entire 150,000-acre property portfolio for sale this spring in packages targeted at investors and property developers. The sale, expected to raise more than £100 million, will complete privatisation of the former state coal company after 48 years in the public sector.

British Coal said bids from its farming tenants who have expressed "serious interest" in buying properties would be considered. A clawback clause will be included in some sales agreements in an effort to ensure that the Treasury can benefit from any subsequent redevelopment profits.

The National Farmers' Union welcomed the last-minute concession to tenants but said it wanted to know what was meant by "serious interest". It said there are 238 tenant farmers on British Coal land and many who had sought to buy their farms in the past had been rebuffed.

Sir David Naish, NFU president, said: "These tenants must have the necessary safeguards to ensure that the land which is central to their farming business remains secure under new landlords."

Concerns over security of tenure may be shared by tenants of the 800 homes which are being offered for sale.

Ray Proctor, British Coal's director of privatisation, insisted that tenants had extensive statutory protection. However, he acknowledged that some farmers could face rent increases if the blight of prospective open cast coal extraction was removed by the disposal.

BAe retracts hospital £8m claim

BRITISH AEROSPACE has been forced to retract its claim that an £8 million investment in a private Glasgow hospital complex was part of an offset deal to underpin military aircraft sales to Abu Dhabi (Ross Tieman writes).

The 260-bed Health Care International went into receivership in November. Last week, Abu Dhabi Investment Corporation, which invested just £500 in the collapsed company, was named preferred bidder to acquire the hospital.

BAe yesterday said its £8 million investment was not part of any offset agreement connected to its £150 million sale of 18 Hawk jet trainer aircraft to the Gulf state.

It said it invested in the Clydebank hospital "to further extend good relations with those countries with which it does business".

Paribas to build Marylebone HQ

By Carl Mortished

PARIBAS, the French investment bank, is to build a huge headquarters in Marylebone to accommodate all its UK operations. It has bought Marylebone Gate, a 2.3-acre site next to Marylebone station, and intends to construct a 350,000 sq ft seven-floor office building.

The development, which is conditional on planning approval from Westminster Council, will more than double Paribas's floorspace in London. The bank's 1,100 staff are occupying a 70,000 sq ft building on Wigmore Street and a further 70,000 sq ft in two buildings near by. The move to Marylebone is expected in 1997.

The site was sold by Railtrack and Lynton, a BAA subsidiary, for an undisclosed sum, but Paribas could be investing more than £50 million in the new building alone. Market estimates of building costs for a top specification headquarters are between £135 and £150 a square foot. Paribas will also have to meet existing Westminster planning requirements for a development that includes 51 flats.

The plan will be a blow for Canary Wharf, which was heavily tipped as a location for the bank. Euart Glendenning, a Paribas spokesman, said the bank had found the West End convenient for clients and staff.

Paribas plans to develop the site using its in-house property team and if planning approval is obtained it expects to appoint a contractor this year. Paribas has tripled the size of its London operations since 1986.

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Can Saatchi & Saatchi stop its former employees from working?

Pointers for plugging a leak of talent

By Ronnie Fox and Ian Hunter

SAATCHI & SAATCHI may now be painfully aware that the most valuable assets of a business are the employees.

Employers try to protect themselves against former employees giving away confidential information, working for a competitor, or taking away clients or employees, with post-termination restrictive covenants in contracts. They normally refer to a time period, geographical area or even a list of clients. For the convenants to be enforced the employer must show he has a legitimate interest to protect, such as confidential information, a client base or goodwill. They must not be excessively restrictive, given the interests they protect. The test of what is reasonable varies according to circumstances. The courts attempt to balance the employer's right to protect his legitimate interests against the employee's right to earn a living. In one Scottish case a restriction on an employee working for a competitor for five years was considered unreasonable. In another a restriction preventing employees setting up in competition within 1,000 metres of their former workplace was unenforceable.

Recently it was said that covenants against enticing away employees could only ever be enforceable if restricted to employees vital to the employer's business. Restrictions drafted too widely will not be enforced.

The temptation to dismiss disgruntled employees summarily should be resisted. Post-termination restrictive covenants are automatically unenforceable if employees are dismissed in breach of contract.

If an employee fails to comply with the terms of an enforceable restrictive convenant the employer can sue for damages if he can prove a loss. But quantifying the loss can often be difficult. The employer can ask for an injunction to prevent the former employee from dealing with certain clients or working in a particular area. But employers concerned about the flight of confidential information can only seek an order permitting the search of an employee's home in extreme circumstances.

A more subtle form of restriction has become popular. A garden leave clause entitles the employer to insist that the employee serves out a long period of notice at home. Such a clause, however, would not stop former Saatchi employees from taking preparatory steps such as seeking premises and forming a company. If the employer does not keep up salaries and benefits he risks a claim for breach of contract.

In considering such garden leave clauses courts must weigh up the danger posed to the employer's business by a breach of the clause and the problem the employee may face if his skills are impaired during a period of enforced idleness.

Ronnie Fox and Ian Hunter are employment specialists at Fox Williams, the City of London law firm

Chemical firms to keep cutting despite growth

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CHEMICAL industry leaders yesterday emphasised the need for continuing cost-cutting in the industry in spite of strong growth in output and exports.

Leaders of large chemical companies emphasised the importance of improving competitiveness — including the closure of chemical plants that would never achieve world performance standards — to take advantage of recovery in the industry.

Chemical leaders were told at the Chemical Industries Association annual business outlook conference yesterday that chemical output in the UK rose by far more than was expected in 1994 — up by 6.5 per cent as against a forecast of 2.7 per cent.

Boosted by recovering demand in Europe, exports grew strongly and were up in the year to September by 10 per cent, with increased import volumes also indicating strengthening UK manufacturing activity.

The association forecasts for this year, to be spelt out in detail at the conference today, suggest that output, exports, imports and investment will all rise in 1995, though on a smaller scale than last year. Chemical output in the UK, widely regarded as a key component of British manufacturing, is forecast to rise by 3.8 per cent, with imports up by 5 per cent and investment by 2 per cent. Though employment is still set to fall, the drop of 2.5 per cent is likely to be less than last year.

John Fraser, the association's chairman and who is also chairman and chief executive of Ciba Geigy UK, said: "The overall picture is much better than we might have expected, but there is certainly no room for complacency. In the UK, and indeed within Europe generally, achieving and sustaining global competitiveness remains our principal task."

Bryan Sanderson, BP Chemicals' chief executive, said there was now a "sharp upward trend" in margins in the industry. He said the recovery "presents us with a golden opportunity to address longer-term structural problems", unlike the similar opportunities offered by the economic upturn in the 1980s, which were largely "squandered" by the chemical industry.

While the average headcount reduction across the European chemical industry had been "painful" during the recession at 15 per cent, he said the industry was still caught in a vicious cycle from which it needed to break free by further plant closures — cutting capacity which would never be competitive, and concentrating activity at fewer sites.

Simon de Bree, president of Cefic, the European chemicals' industry body, told a conference dinner last night that cost reductions should continue in order to improve competitiveness, saying: "I personally hope that the restructuring process will now slow down because of the recovery." Prospects for 1995 were good, but the recovery would "slow down somewhat."

Tec leaders say funds for training 'inadequate'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's funding of adult industrial training programmes is already inadequate to meet the skill shortages emerging with economic recovery, say the Training and Enterprise Councils.

Leaders of the Tecs, which are private sector-led and deliver government training in Britain, said yesterday that cuts in Tec budgets agreed by Micheal Portillo, the Employment Secretary, in the Budget reflected the fall in overall unemployment. However, they did not reflect the much lower drop in long-term unemployment, with which Tecs were charged with dealing.

In addition, in evidence to an inquiry into Tecs, started yesterday by the Commons all-party Employment Select Committee, the Tec National Council gave warning that growing skill shortages, especially at higher skill levels, were appearing as the economic recovery progressed.

While skill shortages currently seemed lower than might have been expected at this stage in the economic cycle, the Tecs said they were "still too high" for maximum UK economic competitiveness.

Chris Humphries, Tec policy director, said funding levels for the Government's Training for Work programme — its main measure for long-term adult unemployed — were "already inadequate" to allow Tecs to provide significant amounts of necessary higher-level skills.

In advance of the committee's inquiry, Mr Humphries defended the Tecs' record after a year in which there has been considerable public criticism of the councils, cuts in their funding, a police and Director of Public Prosecutions investigation into payments by one Tec and receivers being appointed at another.

He said: "Tecs have done an extremely creditable job in tackling the tasks and objectives they have been given by the Government, with a performance that would never have been achieved by the Government bodies they replaced."

Since taking over from government bodies in 1990, Tecs had shown an improvement in qualifications for young people of 27 per cent and for adults of 212 per cent during a period in which their budgets had been cut by half.

But giving evidence to the select committee, Professor Bob Bennett from the London School of Economics, said that the Government's current way of funding Tecs was "daft".

He said the system pressed Tecs towards making profits on training programmes, and then using the surpluses to pay for underfunded programmes, such as on local economic development. However, Professor Bennett believes that Tecs have been valuable in drawing businesses together to consider local economies and should be made to work correctly rather than be scrapped.

Travel chiefs ask Dorrell for support

LEADERS of some of Britain's biggest and most powerful companies yesterday told the Government to start taking the travel and tourism industry seriously (Harvey Elliott writes).

Sir John Egan, of BAA, Sir Rocco Forte, of Forte hotels, Sir Colin Marshall from British Airways, Christopher Rodrigues of Thomas Cook and Tommaso Zanzotto of Hilton International spent an hour with Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, urging him to be their champion in Cabinet.

The group represents a World Travel and Tourism project aimed at persuading governments to recognise the industry's potential for creating jobs and boosting exports.

After the meeting Sir Colin said: "The industry remains an also-ran in terms of budget considerations and status within the political forum."

Travel News, pages 22, 23



DENZIL McNEELANCE

George Cracknell, vice-chairman, left, Tim Ingram, finance director, and Martin Mays-Smith are keeping the payout at 1p

FNFC back in the black

BY ROBERT MILLER

FIRST National Finance Corporation (FNFC), the consumer credit and commercial lending group, has inched its way back into profit.

Pre-tax profits in the year to October 31 were £2.7 million against a restated loss of £36.9 million last time. Martin Mays-Smith, chairman, said: "Whilst this remains far short of a normal level of profitability, it does indicate that we are now on track to provide shareholders with a satisfactory return within a reasonable time." An unchanged final dividend of 1p is proposed. The group said it would continue to sell its property portfolio and run down the commercial lending book carried out by First National Commercial Bank. Losses on commercial lending fell to £12.4 million (£23 million loss). On its property book, FNFC saw losses cut by £4.4 million to £5.2 million.

Mr Mays-Smith said: "Conditions have not been easy in the commercial property areas where many of our assets are held, and for the time being it continues to be difficult to dispose of our remaining property assets." For the rest of the group, pre-tax losses were cut to £6 million from £9.3 million. Mr Mays-Smith said: "This loss would have been significantly lower had it not been that the board has considered it prudent to provide in full for the remaining unprovided amount of the equity investments held in associated companies."

A loss of £1.5 million on the disposal of FNFC's one-third interest in Bisfisa, the Spanish venture capital company, was offset by a profit of £1.6 million on its shareholding in UAPT-Infolink.

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British Steel expands

BRITISH STEEL is to invest £87 million in new capacity in Britain and America (Ross Tieman writes).

A £22 million slab casting machine capable of producing 700,000 tonnes of slab a year is to be installed at the Llanwern works in Gwent, creating 150 jobs. The machine will remove a bottleneck at the plant and lift hot rolling capacity to 2.9 million tonnes a year from early next year. British Steel believes the investment, and a relining of the second blast furnace at the site, will enable it to take advantage of rising demand for strip products.

At the same time, British Steel is to transhipto America two Midrex direct reduced iron units, which refine concentrated iron ore, at a cost of about £67 million, from Hunterston, on the Clyde. They are to be installed in Louisiana or Alabama to produce 1.1 million tonnes of concentrated ore each year from mid-1997.

UK attracts skilled foreigners

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FOREIGNERS working in the United Kingdom are more skilled than the total British labour force, a Government study finds today.

The latest research work to be published by the Department of Employment suggests that while foreign nationals living in the UK mirror the total British workforce in many ways, there are clear differences in terms of skill, location and the industries in which they work.

Research published today in the department's monthly *Gazette* shows that foreign nationals living in Britain number about 2 million, or 3.6 per cent of the total UK population, and make up roughly the same proportion of the total labour force.

Using Government figures from its quarterly *Labour Force Survey*, the Employment Department's study shows that 38 per cent of the total number of foreigners come from other European Union countries, with the majority of those from the Republic of Ireland.

But the study, carried out for the department by Dr John Salt of University College, London, shows that foreign nationals are "generally more skilled", with a higher proportion in the top professional socio-economic group — 27 per cent, compared with 23 per cent for the UK workforce as a whole.

The study says that French and German workers are more likely to be in higher skilled and non-manual occupations, while workers from southern EU countries such as Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece are "over-represented" in manual employment.

North Americans are also more likely to be in highly skilled jobs, while a higher proportion of Irish nationals, and those from the Indian subcontinent, Caribbean and West Indies are more likely to be found in manual work.

Foreigners are more likely than Britons to work in labour-intensive industries such as the service sector, and they are primarily concentrated around London, which has 10 per cent of the UK's workforce — but 44 per cent of the foreign workers in the UK.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	1.97
Austria Sch	17.85	18.55
Belgium Fr	52.43	48.13
Canada $	2.307	2.147
Cyprus Cypt	0.777	0.722
Denmark Kr	10.05	9.25
Finland Mkr	8.07	7.37
France Fr	8.76	8.06
Germany Dm	2.55	2.34
Greece Dr	393.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	12.77	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Italy Lira	2535.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	170.00	154.00
Malta	0.616	0.551
Netherlds Gld	2.238	2.808
Norway Kr	11.08	10.28
Portugal Esc	258.00	238.50
S Africa Rd	nil	5.27
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.34	11.54
Switzerland Fr	2.14	1.96
Turkey Lira	refer	59923.0
USA $	1.559	1.522

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Lockheed Martin merger proceeds

LOCKHEED and Martin Marietta have settled anti-competition charges in the US, allowing their $9 billion merger, the biggest in the defence and aerospace industry, to proceed. The Federal Trade Commission, America's anti-trust watchdog, said they have agreed to implement competitive practices in three key areas — military aircraft, military satellites and satellite launch-vehicles.

The settlement, for example, means that the merged company must allow its "exclusive" partners in the development of satellite early-warning systems, Northrop Grumman Corporation and Hughes Aircraft Company, to bid on other contracts. Lockheed Martin has also agreed to prevent its military-aircraft division from gaining confidential information about competitors' military aircraft. The arrangements will be closely scrutinised by European rivals, including British Aerospace and the Anglo-French Matra Marconi Space.

CBI advice for workers

BRITISH workers must adopt more flexible working practices and improve their skills so that they can move readily from job to job in response to the increased pace of economic change, Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday. In a public lecture at Exeter University, Mr Davies said that individuals must make increased provision for unemployment and retirement in response to the demands of the labour market for greater employee flexibility.

DTI funds gas research

The Department of Trade and Industry is making a grant of £4.1 million towards developing British Coal technology for low-emission, high efficiency coal-burning power stations. The money will be matched by £5.9 million of commercial capital. The £50 million research project is chaired by European Gas Turbines, part of GEC Alsthom, the Anglo-French group. Other partners include Babcock Energy and PowerGen. The research focuses on technologies using gas from burning coal to power a twin turbine plant.

Shanghai bank move

HONGKONG and Shanghai Bank has taken the first step towards reclaiming its imposing Shanghai building, confiscated in 1949 by Chinese Communists. The bank has formally applied to receive the tender documents for the building on Shanghai's waterfront. It was built in 1923 and at the time it was the most expensive bank building in Asia. After the 1949 Communist takeover, the building became the office of the municipal government. Last year, it decided to sell the building in a public tender to rebuild the waterfront.

Distillers restructures

GUINNESS is restructuring United Distillers, its spirits group, to enhance its sales drive in the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America, the two fastest-growing markets for Scotch whisky. United Distillers' Asia-Pacific region will split into the Asia region, embracing China, South-East Asia and Thailand, and the Pacific region, covering Japan and Australasia. The former UD International region is split into the Latin America region, and a new International region covering Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India.

Thomas Cook revamp

THOMAS COOK, the travel group, is reorganising its travellers cheque business after the acquisition of Interpayment Services from Barclays Bank in November. The company is closing its travellers cheque centre in Poole, Dorset, with the loss of 160 jobs, but 250 new posts will be created at another centre in Peterborough. Graham Rider, managing director of Thomas Cook Financial Institution Services, said the move would "ensure the long-term prosperity of our travellers cheque business".

Changes at Borland

BORLAND International, the troubled American computer company whose shares are listed in London, said Philippe Kahn, who founded the group in 1983, has resigned as president and chief executive but will remain as chairman. Gary Wetsel, 49, currently chief financial officer and executive vice-president of operations, has been named president and appointed to the board. Mr Kahn, 42, will focus on long-term planning, international business and other special projects, the company said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BENNS-HALL nee BURGESS, EDITH BENNS-HALL nee BURGESS WIDOW late of Bingley, West Yorkshire died there on 19th April 1994 (Estate about £8,500)

CLARK, CONSTANCE ROSALIND CLARK SPINSTER late of Wandsworth, London SW18 died there on 26th January 1993 (Estate about £6,500)

DOHERTY, BERNARD LORD SANTERRE DOHERTY otw BERNARD DOHERTY late of Clapham, London, SW4 died there on 8th August 1991 (Estate about £240,000)

DOYLE, THOMAS DOYLE otw GEORGE THOMAS DOYLE late of Redcar, Cleveland died at Middlesbrough, Cleveland on 14th November 1992 (Estate about £9,700)

KOWAL, DYMITRO KOWAL otw DYMYTTRO KOWAL late of Bradford, West Yorkshire died there on 12th October 1992 (Estate about £5,800)

MARUSIC, ANTONI MARUSIC otw ANTHONY MARUSIC late of Birmingham West Midlands died there on 28th April 1994 (Estate about £4,200)

McQUAID, PATRICK McQUAID late of Hammersmith, London W6 died there on 25th January 1993 (Estate about £6,000)

PYE, ARTHUR JOSEPH PYE otw ARTHUR PYE late of Upton, Wirral died there on 16th May 1994 (Estate about £25,000)

RICE, REGINALD STEPHEN RICE late of Watford, Hertfordshire died there on 18th April 1994 (Estate about £7,500)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen's Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charities

THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF GRAY'S INN CHARITABLE FUNDS

The Commissioners propose to make two Schemes for these Charities. A copy of the draft Scheme of each can be seen at Messrs. Hunters, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to BL, Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number MOT/5136044/1-COLDN11. Comments or representations can be made within one month from to-day.

LEGAL NOTICES

New Company Design Workshop Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on the 24th January 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Sections 98 at seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceeding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED this 9th January 1995

B A AYRES

COMPANY SECRETARY

STAFF PENSION SCHEME BANKS, WOOD & PARTNERS

This Notice is given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 for the Trusts of the Banks, Wood & Partners Staff Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") established by a Declaration of Trust dated 16th April 1974 made between Banks, Wood & Partners and the then Trustees of the Scheme.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having a claim against or an interest in the Scheme which is subject to the Trusts of the above mentioned instrument whereof Anthony M Sherrell, Peter A Collier and Malcolm C Bright all care of Banks, Wood & Partners, 6 Kingston Street, London EC1A 7BP are the present Trustees is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the undersigned on or before 13th March 1995, after which date the said Trustees will proceed to distribute the assets of the trust amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which the said Trustees shall then have had notice and the said Trustees will not as respects the assets of the Trust or any part thereof so distributed be liable to any person whose claim or interest they shall not then have had notice.

Any person who has already made a claim and received response need not supply to the Trustees.

Dated 11th January 1995

Mr. } C Sherrell, Secretary to the
Trustees, Banks, Wood & Partners, 6
Kingston Street, London, EC1A 7BP

BURRELL HAYWARD & BUDD LIMITED

Registered number 1624809

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN at 10.30am on Friday, 3rd February 1995 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditor's committees by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 1200 hours on Thursday, 2nd February 1995, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

DAVID BOLPH and
RICHARD MOORE
Joint Administrative Receivers

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS TO CLAIM IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE SWITMASTER GROUP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention to return share capital to the shareholders of the above named company. Any creditors who wish to claim in the Liquidation are required on or before 6 February 1995 to send their Proofs of Debt to D L Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, 65 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1BQ, the Liquidator of the company, and if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Liquidator to be necessary.

D L MORGAN
Liquidator
The Switmaster Group Limited
(in Liquidation)

URBAN FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

Registered number 2707612

Nature of business
HOLDING COMPANY

Trade classification (s) 39

Date of appointment of administrative receivers:
6 January 1995

Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s)
MIDLAND BANK PLC

Name and address of administrative receiver(s)
ALAN ROBERT BLOOM AND NIGEL JAMES HAMILTON
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos) 6462 AND 2090
BOTH OF ERNST & YOUNG, BECKET HOUSE, 1 LAMBETH PALACE ROAD, LONDON, SE1 7EU

The Insolvency Act 1986
OPALS (MIRROR FLEX) COMPANY LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Mews, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator by the Members and Creditors on 20th December 1994.

M.R. DARRINGTON, Liquidator

A H HERBERT (BUILDERS) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the Creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 211/233 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 19/1/95 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 & 101 of the said Act, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the Offices of A Segal & Co, address as above, between 10am and 4pm as from 17/1/95.

Dated: 3/1/95

B A HERBERT, DIRECTOR

No.81 of 1992
IN THE PORTSMOUTH COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY

In LYNDA CONSTANCE RICH of Cornerways, Clubhouse Lane, Waltham Chase, Hampshire SO3 2NN, a Teacher

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, John B Daw of KPMG Peat Marwick, 1st Floor, Dukes Keep, Marsh Lane, Southampton SO14 3EX was appointed Trustee in bankruptcy with effect from 7 May 1992 following a meeting of creditors held on the same day under the Insolvency Act 1986. Notice is given that the Trustee of the above-named bankrupt is considering, within four months from 4 January 1995, to declare an interim dividend to the Creditors of the said bankrupt and that any such Creditor desiring to participate in such possible dividend must on or before that date send in his full name and address and full particulars of his debt or claim to the undersigned John B B Daw of KPMG Peat Marwick, 1st Floor, Dukes Keep, Marsh Lane, Southampton SO14 3EX, the Trustee of the said bankrupt.

Dated the 4th day of January 1995

John B B Daw
Trustee in Bankruptcy

MEGAMEDIA LIMITED
- IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD and John Alfred George Alexander of Peyrell Nott Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1M 8JA were appointed Joint Liquidators of Megamedia Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 21st December 1994.

N J HAMILTON-SMITH and
J A G ALEXANDER
JOINT LIQUIDATORS
DATED this 22nd day of December 1994

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE

071-782 7344
OR
FAX: 071-782 7827

Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

	Year ended 31 December 1994 R000	1993 R000
Revenue		
Income from investments	11 556	10 426
Surplus on realisation of investments	1 009	1 632
Interest received	1 055	343
Sundry revenue	50	13
	13 670	12 414
Expenditure and amounts written off	988	2 037
Administration and general	988	878
Interest paid	-	43
Amounts written off investments	-	1 116
Profit before tax	12 682	10 377
Tax	299	357
Profit after tax	12 383	10 020
Unappropriated profit, brought forward	16	34
	12 399	10 054
Extraordinary item	16 728	-
	(4 329)	10 054
Less	(4 345)	10 038
Dividends declared	7 357	6 438
Interim 15c (15c)	2 759	2 759
Final 25c (20c)	4 598	3 679
Transfer to/(from) general reserves	(11 700)	3 600
Unappropriated profit, carried forward	14	16
Earnings per share - cents	67	55
Dividends per share - cents	40	35
Times dividends covered	1.7	1.6
Net assets (as valued) per share - cents	1 317	1 006

NOTE:
Extraordinary Item. The directors consider that it would be prudent to write down the carrying value of the investment in Northam Platinum Limited to the market value at 31 December 1994, in the light of the sustained low market value of that share over an extended period.

DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

Dividend No. 96 of 25 cents per share, in respect of the year ended 31 December 1994, has been declared in South African currency, payable to members registered at the close of business on 27 January 1995.

Warrants payable on 23 February 1995 will be posted to members on 22 February 1995.

The standard conditions relating to the payment of dividends are obtainable from the share transfer offices of the Company.

The register of members will be closed from 29 January to 4 February 1995, inclusive.

London Office and Office of United Kingdom Registrar
Gold fields Corporate Services Limited
Greencoat House
Francis Street
London, SW1P 1DH

11 January 1995

By order of the board
per pro GOLD FIELDS CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED
London Secretaries
S.J.Dunning
Secretary

[redacted]

☐ Charlotte Street under siege ☐ Swift taste of politics for rail regulator ☐ Swiss Bank Corp's clever blunder

Creative hypertension

☐ EVEN those unfortunate souls now crouched under the table in the basement of Saatchi & Saatchi's Charlotte Street headquarters would have to concede that Maurice Saatchi is currently some way ahead. How the game will turn out remains to be seen.

Great fuss has been made over the brothers Saatchi's decision to sell shares last week. Maurice Saatchi has insisted that the sale took place in the afternoon on January 3, well after he said he would be severing all links.

This puts them in the clear. Certainly anyone perspicacious enough to buy this newspaper that morning was made well aware he would be off rather than take up the sop thrown to him by the company he founded, the chairmanship of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide.

But the prospects for his fledgling business are far from certain. The advertising grapevine, an overheated and etiolated plant at the best of times, has been swamped by any number of rumours of his next move. He is supposed to have had lunch last week with Frank Lowe of Lowe Howard-Spink — probably not, according to those who know him. He is meant to have talked to the huge Japanese agency Dentsu — ditto, although the Japanese would clearly not be averse to such a link.

The first three defectors are hoping to join him early, and much of the weight of legal opinion would seem to support them, but the news from the Saatchi & Saatchi camp was that they would fight this all the way, so the new agency's birth pangs can expect to be accompanied by some untidy legal skirmishing.

The departure yesterday of some creative types is seriously bad news for the Charlotte Street camp since it does suggest the rot is spreading. Yesterday's emigrés, who left bemoaning their disillusionment with a business so much at the mercy of "external forces" — are your ears burning, Mr Herro? — will presumably fetch up with Mr Saatchi as and when convenient.

But there is a difference between walling yourself up in shiny new offices with a few like-minded souls and being able to compete out in the real world with the big boys. New Saatchi will presumably have to contract out its media buying from the off, for example.

Clients like British Airways are putting the pressure on their existing agency, but there is no guarantee they will come across with any or all their existing account. Other agencies keen to prey on Saatchi & Saatchi's business may find themselves tangled up in conflicts of interest with their existing client lists.

The pretty pass it has all come to is summed up by the affair of the missing files. Maurice apparently departed last week with a few private documents from his office, prompting complaints from his old firm. The offending files, presumably photocopied till the ink faded, were returned and now reside under lock and key at Charlotte Street. When former friends fall out ...

Second-class tickets

☐ JOHN SWIFT, QC, the rail regulator, has been given his first taste of the political perils facing any regulator trying to make compromises. It may prove a blessing. The instant outrage should make the public take notice of bigger issues exercising the regulator. These should become clearer in his



imminent paper on access charges for train operators.

In theory, Mr Swift is charged, among other things, with getting customers value for money. In reality, that means trying to preserve as much as possible of the services when future private operators have less money available, for much of the annual subsidy to BR is effectively to be converted into capital and sold to the public via Railtrack.

To cope with this, the regulator, acting for consumers, is perforce running on tracks parallel to the franchise director, acting for the Transport Secretary. This shows in the proposals for ticket-selling at stations. These cannot be driven by private operators, who have yet to appear. So they must be cooked up by the franchise director, hived-off British Rail operators and the regulator. It should not be wildly expensive to convert most manned stations to the more complex universal ticketing needed when there are dozens of operators. But the new arrangements have to make room for future cost-cutting that will be needed before the private sector works its hoped-for magic.

The concept of core stations, a bedrock of 294 from the 1,300 currently manned, should be seen in this wider context. These stations must be properly staffed, not just for ticketing. Many more, however, may need to become unmanned or have only a skeleton staff. To prescribe a full ticketing service everywhere would pre-empt future operators' scope to cut station costs.

Tickets might still be sold more widely than the prescribed minimum. But that, like much else, depends on how much operators have to pay to Railtrack and how much of the charges vary with income. The more charges are fixed, to make Railtrack attractive to investors, the less operators can afford to carry overheads such as station staff and ticket terminals.

Cuckoo-clock in the nest

☐ SWISS Bank Corporation, the adviser to Trafalgar House in its £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electric, has stirred up a hornet's nest of protest over its innovative financial engineering. Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Trade Secretary, yesterday asked Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, some tough questions about SBC's activities under the cosy blanket of absolute privilege against any libel action that Parliament enjoys.

The dispute centres around the contracts for differences that SBC wrote to allow Trafalgar to profit from the rise in the electricity sector prompted by its bid and to offset the considerable fees that SBC is charging. The legality of these contracts seems to rest on an interpretation of the new insider dealing laws.

Whatever other charges the Labour Party may lay at SBC's door, it cannot accuse the group of disloyalty to client. How many other merchant banks have ever offered clients such an opportunity to offset their fees? Indeed, not many merchant banks have derivatives teams with sufficient skill to dream up such a package.

Despite such skill, SBC has certainly blundered in its handling of the bid by being too clever.

When it was planning the offer for Northern, it surely must have been aware of the extreme political sensitivity of making the first hostile bid for a privatised utility. Particularly since Trafalgar is 25 per cent owned and effectively controlled by a large overseas corporation.

Given that any bid for an electricity company was likely to elicit angry shouts from the Labour Party, it would have been more sensible for Trafalgar to run the bid completely by the book, and even try to reach an agreed deal with Northern's management. After all, Trafalgar has taken the trouble to offer Northern's customers a £20 kick-back to go along with the deal.

The furore caused by the contracts only make an MMC reference more likely, which cannot be in Trafalgar's interests since it will drag the bid out well into the summer. There are times when cleverness is best avoided.

Dixons accuses RECs of £250m cross-subsidies

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE 12 regional electricity companies have squandered a quarter of a billion pounds on their loss-making electrical retail chains, according to Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, their biggest competitor.

Mr Kalms, a long-time critic of what he claims is unfair competition from the regional companies, has renewed his assault, claiming the majority of their shops are making huge losses and are kept going by cross-subsidies from the companies' profitable core distribution businesses.

Dixons was announcing interim figures that contained an upbeat trading statement for Christmas. Pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to November 12 increased from the £17.3 million announced last time, before exceptional charges of £214 million, to £26.6 million.

Dixons has commissioned its own internal auditors to look at the accounts of the 12 regional electricity companies, who have always denied cross-subsidy, to assess just how much the retail businesses have cost them.

The Office of Fair Trading and the electricity industry watchdog, Offer, rejected similar claims from Dixons in 1993. But Mr Kalms claimed his company had fresh evidence, including an estimate that total retail losses for the electricity distributors since their privatisation in December 1990, including an assessment of how much interest they lost from tying up capital in such unprofitable assets, amounted to £250 million.

"The regional electricity companies are out there making no profits or minus profits," he said. "They are profligate, and still subsidising their retail outlets. Their shareholders will in due course have to pay the price."

At the half-way stage like-for-like sales at the core Dixons electrical goods stores were down 4 per cent, although across the group and allowing for new openings total sales were ahead by 9 per cent to £698 million.

Earnings per share, on an adjusted basis, were up from 1.8p to 3.7p, and the group is paying an interim dividend increased from 1.7p to 1.8p.

The market was more concerned about prospects for Christmas trading. John Clare, the managing director, said profits for the first eight weeks of the second half were well ahead of the same period last year. Gross margins had been higher, while sales had risen by 5 per cent.

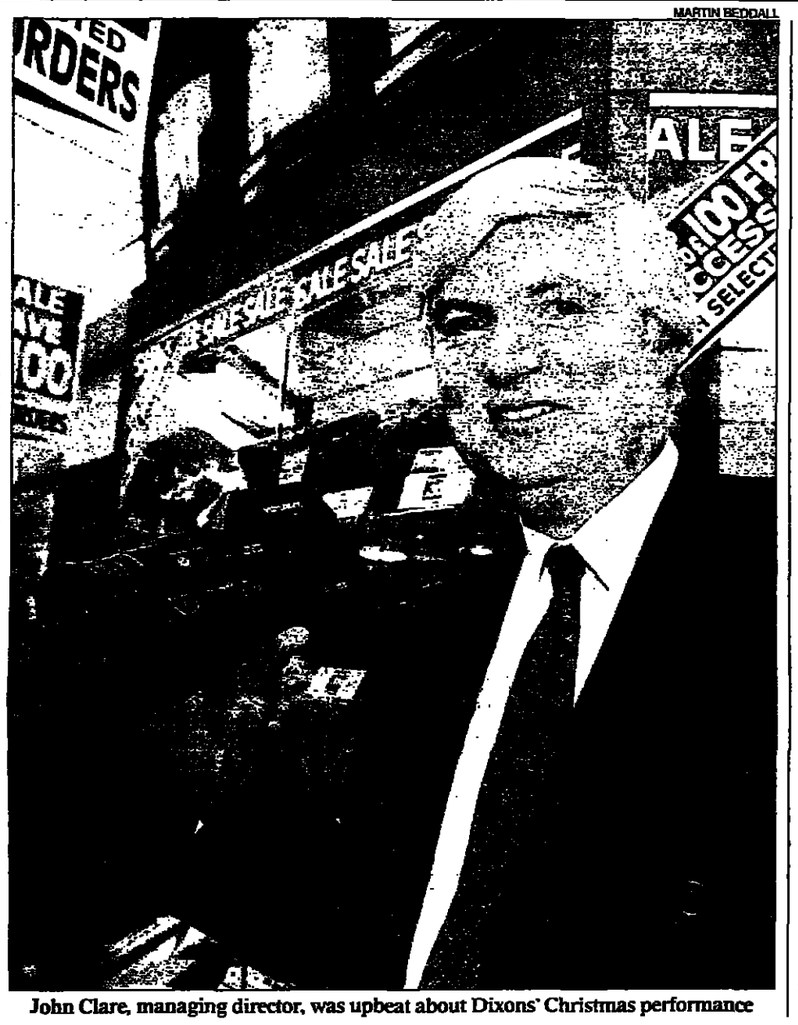
"I think we've had a very good Christmas and we've tucked away a great deal for this year," Mr Kalms said. "In the light of successful trading over Christmas and the January sale, the outcome for the year should be favourable."

He made light of fears that the business might be affected by the recent ruling from the Office of Fair Trading on extended warranties on electrical goods.

"I don't think it will be particularly material," he said. "From our experience sales of warranties have remained fairly consistent. We will vary the product and find the right price for the market."

There was some concern on the stock market about sales trends, however, which was sufficient to reduce Dixons' share price by 2p to 199p.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

John Clare, managing director, was upbeat about Dixons' Christmas performance

United Biscuits to shed 980 staff as KP plant closes

BY CARL MORTISHED

UNITED BISCUITS is closing down its KP crisp and snack manufacturing plant in Grimsby, Humberside, with the loss of 980 jobs. The closure follows a strategic review of KP's operations which face intense rivalry because of price competition in crisps.

Shares in United Biscuits fell 2p to 319p after the company warned that hot weather had affected biscuit consumption, while snack foods were continuing to suffer from price competition. The company yesterday forecast that 1994 profits before exceptional items would be close to the 1993 level of £182 million.

The factory, run by KP, the snack division of United Biscuits, produced a quarter of the group's crisp output and is being closed to reduce costs. Most of the production will be transferred to KP's plants on Teesside and in Ashby de la Zouch by September where 460 jobs will be created, leaving a likely net loss of 520 jobs.

Part-time employees account for 730 of the jobs lost. David Williams, National Secretary of the GMB Union, said that the workers of Grimsby were paying the price for the battle between the supermarkets over food prices. "Most of the workers at KP are young women who work part time. Finding new work will be very difficult," he said. United Biscuits said redeployment opportunities would be sought throughout UB and assistance would be given to staff in their search for work.

Closure costs of £21 million will be shown as a charge in the 1994 accounts, but only £6 million is cash-related, the company said. UB is suffering from a price war caused in part by overproduction of crisps. The company has also lost margin in a switch in sales to supermarkets from branded to cheaper own-brand products. UB will be spending £12 million on increasing capacity at the Teesside and Ashby factories but expects savings of £6 million a year from the closure.

John Warren, finance director, said the crisp market was growing more slowly in the UK after rapid growth in the 1980s. United Biscuits is focusing its expansion in the Far East, in particular China, where sales growth remains strong, and the company plans to build further biscuit and snack food plants.

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Pentos statement fails to soothe City

BY LIZ DOLAN

A LACKLUSTRE trading statement from Pentos, whose Athena subsidiary failed this week, did nothing to soothe City jitters about the troubled stores group yesterday.

Pentos, which also owns Dillons bookshops and the Rymans stationery chain, reported an improvement in sales for all three businesses in the final six months of last year.

The shares, however, already on the slide following the Athena debacle, slipped a further 1p to 10½p.

Rymans slimmed total losses from £4 million in the first half to around £1 million in the six months from July, but like-for-like sales grew by just 1 per cent in the second half.

Stripping out the contribution from the now-defunct personal computers chain, Rymans Computer, however, the core stationery and services side improved by 5 per cent in the final quarter.

Sales growth at Dillons, which includes the Claude Gill discount chain, was still affected in the third quarter by earlier action to clear old and redundant stock, the company said.

Business at Dillons improved by 5.4 per cent in the final three months in comparable outlets.

An 8.6 per cent increase in sales during December included an 11 per cent improvement in the week before Christmas.

Pentos reports higher margin levels for both Dillons and Rymans over the period.

Wesleyan to cut jobs

WESLEYAN Assurance society, the former friendly society founded in 1852 by Methodists in Birmingham, yesterday announced that it is to cut 350 jobs (Robert Miller writes).

The life office, which still has its head office in Birmingham, said that the job losses would be spread across 70 UK offices where 1,100 field staff are employed. A further 350 people work at the company's headquarters.

Lowry Maclean, managing director, said: "We hope to achieve the staff cuts through natural wastage, early retirement and voluntary redundancy. We have reached the painful decision after a major review of our business." Mr Maclean said that Wesleyan wanted to maintain its track record of competitive payouts and that the job cuts were necessary because of increased competition in the life industry and the new regulatory regime.

He added: "We will get as many of our staff as want to through the new training and competence programme. But some of the older ones may prefer to take early retirement."

As well as life and pensions business, Wesleyan also has a home loans operation and a savings bank. Its annual premium income last year was £148 million.

The company has maintained its church connections and links with the Salvation Army.

NEW WAYS LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT	*Six months ended 31 Dec 1994 R000	*Six month ended 31 Dec 1993 R000	Year ended 30 June 1994 R000
Revenue			
Income from investments	10 488	9 233	20 511
Surplus on realisation of investments	626	-	4 733
Interest received	530	170	559
Sundry revenue	4	4	21
	11 648	9 407	25 424
Expenditure and amounts written off	1 834	1 102	5 947
Administration and general	997	1 026	2 055
Exploration expenses	837	76	1 817
Amounts written off investments	-	-	75
Profit before tax	9 814	8 305	21 477
Tax	-	(301)	(305)
Profit after tax	9 814	8 606	21 780
Earnings per share - cents	32	28	71
Dividends - per share - cents	17	17	52
- absorbing - R000	5 208	5 208	15 950
- times covered	1,9	1,6	1,4

*Unaudited

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET	*At 31 Dec 1994 R000	*At 31 Dec 1993 R000	At 30 June 1994 R000
Investments	149 708	185 591	149 538
Properties and ventures	135	135	135
Net current assets/(liabilities)	6 903	(1 269)	2 467
Current assets	13 176	4 621	14 482
Cash	8 812	891	9 215
Other	4 364	3 730	5 267
Current liabilities	6 273	5 890	12 015
	156 746	184 257	152 140
Share capital	88 425	88 425	88 425
Reserves	68 321	95 832	63 715
	156 746	184 257	152 140
Investments			
Listed - Market value	618 302	507 372	587 972
- Excess over book value	469 920	323 307	439 760
- Book value	148 382	184 065	148 212
Unlisted - Book value	1 326	1 326	1 326
Shares in issue unchanged at 30 635 201			
Net assets (as valued) per share - cents	2 138	1 739	2 015

* Unaudited

NOTES

Dividend

The final dividend No.87 of 35 cents per share, in respect of the year ended 30 June 1994, absorbing R10 722 000, was declared on 2 August 1994 and paid on 21 September 1994.

Prospects

Profits during the latter half of the current financial year remain dependent on the rand gold price received by those gold companies which form a substantial portion of this company's investments. It is not expected that net earnings will improve significantly during the second half of the current financial year compared to those reported for the first half.

DECLARATION OF INTERIM DIVIDEND

Dividend No. 88 of 17 cents per share has been declared in South African currency, payable to members registered at the close of business on 27 January 1995.

Warrants payable on 22 February 1995 will be posted to members on 21st February 1995.

The standard conditions relating to the payment of dividends are obtainable from the share transfer offices of the Company.

The register of members will be closed from 28 January to 3 February 1995, inclusive.

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11 January 1995



STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

B&E price doubles as two investors buy 154m shares

IT MUST have seemed like Christmas again for shareholders of **Black & Edgington**, the troubled tent supplier, as they watched the share price more than double after two investors picked up almost 30 per cent of the company between them.

Ian Gowrie-Smith, the man credited with turning Medeva into a leading player in the pharmaceutical industry, has snapped up 121 million shares in Black & Edgington, while Nigel Wray, of *Fleet Street Newsletter* fame, and currently on the boards of Carlton Communications, Burford, Singer & Friedlander and Carlisle Group, has bought 33 million. It stretches their combined holdings to 29.76 per cent of the issued share capital. Mr Gowrie-Smith has been appointed chairman, while Mr Wray and David Lees, another former Medeva man, have joined as non-executive directors.

Both men paid 1p for their shares and back yesterday as the price rose to 2½p. The speculators were quick to jump on the bandwagon in the belief that Mr Gowrie-Smith intends to use Black & Edgington as a vehicle to make acquisitions within the pharmaceutical industry. By the close of business last night, trading in Black & Edgington shares accounted for 110 million out of total stock market turnover of 662 million.

The rest of the equity market spent another volatile day with all eyes focused on Wall Street after President Clinton's instructions to the Treasury and Federal Reserve board to help bail out Mexico.

Share prices in London opened on a cautious note but rallied strongly on the back of encouraging manufacturing output figures and publication of the minutes of the last meeting between Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

But Wall Street's failure to respond positively to the latest consumer prices and earnings numbers alarmed London. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index, which had earlier reversed an 18-point fall, eventually closed 11 down at 3,049.4.

Shares of **Saatchi & Saatchi** remained in free fall, losing a further 4p at 108p as executives continued to jump ship. It stretches the fall in the share price during the past three days to 52p. The company's problems were also compounded by confirmation that Maurice Saatchi, the founder and former chairman, is setting up a new agency. Brokers fear the move could provoke a war between the two companies over major accounts.

A further four executives resigned yesterday, bringing the total to seven since Mr Saatchi severed his links with the company last week after being forced off the board by a minority group of disgruntled US shareholders. Before his resignation, the shares had been trading above 150p.

On Tuesday, Charles Scott, chairman and chief executive, attempted to reassure brokers and institutional shareholders on both sides of the Atlantic that nothing had altered with the business continuing to be run by the same management.

Lucas Industries firmed 2p to 196p on the back of Tuesday night's dinner with institutional investors arranged by Henderson Crosthwaite. The outcome confirmed the broker's positive stance. Henderson expects profits in the first half to more than double to £20.7 million and has pencilled in £140 million for the full year followed by £210 million in 1996.

Sector leader GKN climbed 13p to 580p as Warburg Securities, the broker, continued to push the shares. It has lifted its pre-tax profits estimate for the current year to £275 million and £325 million for 1996.

United Biscuits touched 310p before ending the session just 2p cheaper at 319p after announcing plans to shut down its KP snacks manufacturing plant at Grimsby, Humberside, with the loss of almost 1,000 jobs. Plans are afoot to transfer production to Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, and Teesside by September. UB blamed overcapacity within the industry and said it had put aside £21 million to cover costs. As a result, pre-tax profits for 1994 were expected to be little changed on the previous year's £181.8 million. Smith New Court, the broker, said that it had cut its forecast to £178.5 million.

Smith New Court was also busy picking up a further 3.77 million shares in Norweb at 805p as the group completed its buy-back programme.

Dixons retreated 1p to 200p in spite of unveiling half-year figures towards the top end of expectations. Pre-tax profits were 54 per cent ahead at £26.6 million. The group said trading in the run-up to Christmas had been strong with a further improvement in margins.

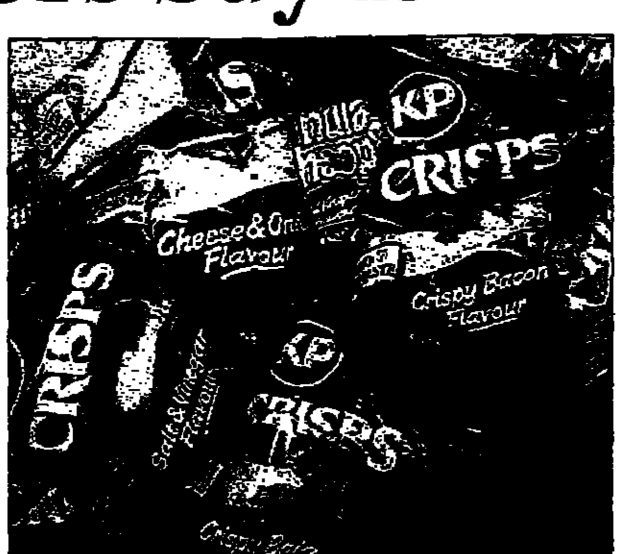
Forte, down 3½p at 244p, is considering an offer for its remaining 24 per cent stake in Gardner Merchant, Britain's biggest contract caterer from Sodexho, the French company. The offer is said to value Gardner Merchant at £730 million. Gardner Merchant was the subject of a £402 million management buyout in 1992 and was expected to come to the stock market later this year.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts rallied from a cautious start, cheered by the latest economic news on both sides of the Atlantic. But a later move by the Bank of England to cut the prices of the remaining taps undermined sentiment with brokers now convinced that details of another auction will be revealed tomorrow.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt finished just a couple of ticks better at £100 23/32 as the number of contracts completed more than doubled from recent low levels to 83,500.

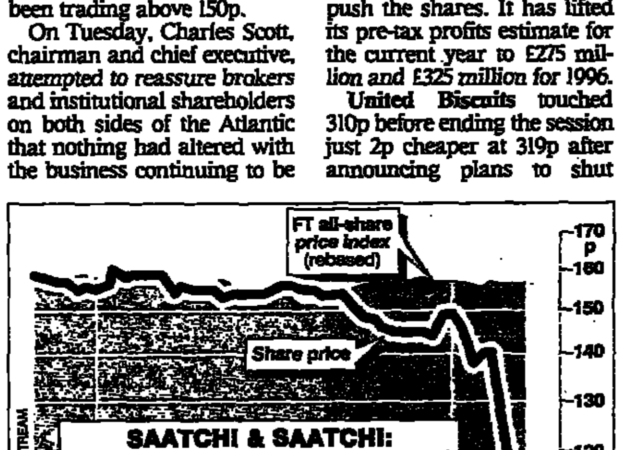
In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was six ticks stronger at £103½, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 rose £7/32 to £102 15/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street shares lost ground in early trading as a rally attempt ran into profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 21.2 to 3,845.54 at midday.



UB finished 2p down on news of closure of a KP plant

Lloyds Abbey fell 5p to 336p on a savage profits downgrading by James Capel, the broker. Capel is believed to have cut its profits forecast for the current year from £350 million to £230 million, while Nikko Securities added salt to the wounds by urging clients to switch into the Prudential, up 4p at 313p.



New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3845.54 (-21.20)
S&P Composite	459.32 (-2.36)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19548.47 (+47.02)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7392.75 (-148.97)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	411.73 (-1.23)
Sydney:	
AO	1859.3 (+3.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2061.05 (+9.95)
Singapore:	
Straits	2145.69 (+8.49)
Brussels:	
General	7179.32 (-6.49)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1849.13 (-10.06)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	646.00 (-0.10)
London:	
FT 30	2351.4 (-1.8)
FT 100	3049.4 (-11.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3476.6 (+4.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1314.96 (+2.10)
FT A All-Share	1513.15 (-3.41)
FT Non Financials	1645.50 (-1.68)
FT Gold Mines	216.5 (-4.8)
FT Fixed Interest	109.22 (+0.16)
FT Govt Secs	90.83 (+0.23)
Bargains	21459
SEAQ Volume	662.9m
USM (Datastrm)	149.37 (-0.08)
US$	1.5605 (+0.0005)
German Mark	2.3957 (+0.0023)
Exchange Index	79.3 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2649
£:SDR	1.0693
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
BSkyB	245½	...
British Assets Gwth	62½	+ ½
Caledonian Media Wts	5½	...
Clydeport	168	...
First Russ Front ($10)	590	-5
Fleming Nat Res (100)	91	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	92½	-1½
Gart Micro Uts (500)	508	...
Hill Fire	102	...
Hydro Intl (80)	84	+1
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Investors Capital	87½	...
Invsts Cap Inc An	36½	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Lazard Birla Ida	54½	+ ½
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	32	+1
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	96	-1
MICE Group (3)	3½	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	85	...
Pentex Oil	105	-5
RM (175)	206	...
Residential Prop	103	...
SeaPerfect (120)	130	+2
TeleWest Coms (182)	169	+1½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Units	125	+2

Hewitt N/P (68)	31	...
Powell Duffryn N/P (440)	64	-4
Trio N/P (25)	½	...
Verity N/P (7½)	¾	...
Walker Green N/P (90)	7	+1

RISES:	
RMC Group	943p (+10p)
Assoc Brit Food	585p (+11p)
Delta	480p (+12p)
Mitel	255p (+22p)
Carrs Milling	264p (+10p)
GKN	580p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Barclays	576p (-13p)
Laporte	702p (-14p)

Closing Prices Page 32

Done to a crisp

GRIMSBY'S redundant crisp-makers will draw little comfort from the thought that part of United Biscuits' problem is greater prosperity. The British are eating less food in general and less junk food in particular: consumption of crisps is growing at a tiny rate compared with ten years ago when the market was expanding at 4 per cent or more.

The past is catching up with the snack food manufacturers who built up capacity in the 1980s only to be left with a mountain of fried potato chips, which are periodically released on the market in an orgy of discounting. As the product takes on the characteristics of a commodity food, retailers demand own-brand versions and impose lower margins on crisp-makers like United Biscuits' KP, leaving the company squeezed from all sides: a flat market, overcapacity and price deflation.

UB's response has been to go where the customers lead: upmarket into more expensive junk food. Hence, the takeover of Phileas Fogg and the focus on higher margin snacks rather than crisps. But long term, UB needs a market with room to grow around the waist and one less obsessed with healthy eating.

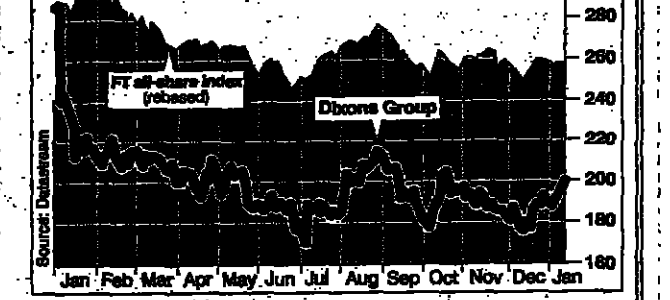
That market is likely to be in Asia. The company has a 90 per cent interest in a plant in China churning out 10,000 tonnes of biscuits a year and UB wants to build more. If neurotic Europeans like to measure their wealth by their propensity to eating disorders, the less developed world is happy munching its way through a growing pay packet. But China is unlikely to solve UB's problems at home just yet and yesterday's announcement of closure costs could be a signal that there are more to come.

Dixons

THE stock market was taken a little aback by news from Dixons Group of falling sales and rising margins. Most market-watchers had expected things to be the other way around, with sales rising and gross margins flat. Such concern seems unfair, not least because the combination the market should really be worrying about is flat sales and flat margins, and that was not Dixons's experience over the important Christmas trading period.

By the end of the day earlier share price falls had been halved once Stanley Kalms, the chairman, had hammered home the message that he viewed margin protection as the key to future growth. Christmas trading generally was well ahead of expectations, helped by the contribution from higher-ticket items like the new CDi multi-media centres.

Dixons' market share ranges from 30 per cent for some electronic products to 19 per cent in others but on a mixed basket of products the group probably has about 19 per cent overall. Further improvements on this will come through the extension of product ranges and the opening of larger out-of-town stores such as Currys superstores and PC World, but at the expense of higher capital spending. For now the shares, on a relatively low forecast of £90 million for this year, sell on 11.5 times' earnings, a 15 per cent discount to the sector.



Cray Electronics

CRAY Electronics has been such an undiluted success in the past three years that the City was perturbed by a less dramatic set of figures. The group is reaching an uncomfortable transitional phase. Having built a sizeable data communications and systems business by acquisition, it must now expand them organically. It has made a start with new products, sales offices and marketing alliances that increased sales within the communications division by 10 per cent and expanded margins.

More worrying is Cray's rapid dissipation of cash. A £17.2 million reserve has been whittled away to £2 million in six months, with most of it being sucked up by working capital. Quite why a non-capital intensive business needs so much working capital is unclear, and the group needs to improve on that position in the second half to calm investors' nerves.

Cray might like a further acquisition to expand its systems division, but the City may not take kindly to it while such doubts remain. Meanwhile, the barely profitable management consultancy division is beginning to look like an expensive luxury. Cray must demonstrate the considerable growth potential of its main data communications business to recapture a premium rating.

FNFC

FIRST National Finance Corporation should send a bunch of flowers to the Accounting Standards Board. Without a timely change in accounting rules, the figures from this beleaguered firm would have made grim reading. The terms of the FRS4 standard allowed FNFC to dump all the costs of refinancing and securitisations into a prior year. That gave the group's figures for the year to October 31 a £3.3 million lift, transforming a loss into a £2.7 million pre-tax profit.

Apart from the headline profit, there was little cheer. FNFC is still burdened by losses from its dying businesses, commercial lending and property, which totalled £17.6 million. These businesses could take most of the decade to wind down, and prevent the group from enjoying the strength of its consumer lending business.

As a result, FNFC is in no position to afford its dividends, which pushed it to an £8 million retained loss. Indeed, it is bizarre that the group is paying an ordinary dividend at all.

Further growth in consumer credit and smaller losses on the corporate book may enable FNFC to cover an unchanged dividend this year, but only just. The consumer credit division has potential, but the shares are risky until FNFC sorts out its troubles elsewhere.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1009-1008	May	1059-1056
May	1007-1006	Jul	1070-1065
Jul	1017-1015	Sep	1081-1080
Sep	1026-1025	Dec	1100-1080
Dec	1037-1035		
Mar	1049-1047		Volume: 5189

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2750-2745	Sep	2760-2755
Mar	2770-2765	Nov	2776-2756
May	2745-2743	Jan	2800-2780
Jul	2750-2740		Volume: 3219

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	370.3-68.2
Spot: 422.00		Dec	365.8-63.5
Mar	417.0-14.9	Mar	361.8-58.5
May	413.5-12.0	May	361.8-57.0
Aug	400.0-98.0		Volume: 2589

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.85	117.18	121.16
(+/-)	-5.27	-1.43	+1.27
Eng/Wales:	75.82	117.51	118.98
(+/-)	-5.40	-1.46	-0.24
(%)	+46.0	+7.0	+22.0
Scotland:	76.08	115.36	127.78
(+/-)	-4.00	-4.00	+2.53
(%)	+83.0	+75.0	+86.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.35	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.45	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.20	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.60	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.50	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 160 (-1)	O: 162 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	145 (-1)	146 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	145 (n/c)	146 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	148 (+2)	149 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
Naphtha	158 (+1)	161 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	140.00-40.25	Apr	146.00-46.25
Feb	143.00-43.25	May	146.25 BID
Mar	145.50-45.75		Vol: 36006

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.44-16.45	May	16.09-16.11
Mar	16.19-16.20	Jun	unq
Apr	16.11-16.12		Vol: 47391

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.35	Jan	103.50
Mar	108.30	Mar	103.50
May	110.15	May	107.50
Jul	111.90	Sep	96.00
Sep	97.50	Nov	97.75
Volume: 322		Volume: 16	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	286.0	286.3
May	unq	322.5
Jun	unq	unq
		Volume: 58

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 112.25-112.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2085	2065	2065
Feb 95	2100	2065	2070
Mar 95	2100	2050	2059
Apr 95	2050	2010	2014
Vol: 258 lots		Open Interest: 3603	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3026.0-3027.0	3027.0-3028.0	1639850
Lead ($/tonne)	658.00-658.50	674.00-675.00	215000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1139.0-1139.5	1163.5-1164.0	368900
Tin ($/tonne)	5980.0-5990.0	6080.5-6085.0	29980
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2005.0-2005.5	2034.0-2035.0	1212200
Nickel ($/tonne)	9410.0-9415.0	9565.0-9570.0	65106

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	39½	52½	61	0	5½	12
(*539)	550	2	20½	31	13	23	33
Argyll	260	3½	15½	20½	4	10	17
(*260)	280	0	7½	11½	20	22½	29½
ASDA	60	7	9	10½	0	½	3
(*67)	70	0½	3½	5	4½	5½	7½
Boots	460	29	43½	50½	0	6½	13½
(*488½)	500	1½	17½	27½	12½	29½	32½
Br Airways	360	27½	40½	48½	0	7	14
(*387)	390	4½	22½	31½	7	19	27½
BP	390	27	36½	44	0	6	12½
(*416½)	420	3	18	26½	7	18	25
Br Steel	140	5½	11½	15½	1	5	7½
(*144½)	160	0	3½	7	15½	17	19
C & W	360	9	26	34	3½	14½	23
(*365½)	390	0½	12½	20½	24½	31½	39½
CU	493	18½	30½	—	1	20	—
(*509½)	543	0	10	—	33½	53	—
ICI	750	12	32½	45½	7½	32½	37
(*755)	800	0½	13	25	45	66½	70½
Kingfishr	420	17	33½	39½	1½	11½	22½
(*434½)	460	0½	14½	20½	25½	34½	45
Land Sec	550	33½	47	55	0	6	14
(*583)	600	1	17½	25	17½	26	39
M & S	390	5½	19½	26	3½	10½	17½
(*391½)	420	0	7½	13	28½	31	36
Nat West	460	18½	32	43	1	20	25
(*476½)	500	1	13½	25½	23½	44	48½
Sainsbury	390	26	38½	46	0	6½	14½
(*415½)	430	3½	19½	29	7½	18½	27½
Shell	700	8½	25	35½	4½	25½	28½
(*702½)	750	0	7	16½	47½	61½	62
Smkl Bch	460	7½	24½	34½	5½	20½	28
(*461)	500	0	10	18	39	45	52
Storehse	220	4½	13	18½	3	7½	13
(*222)	240	0	6	9½	18	20	24½
Trafalgar	70	3½	8	10½	1	4	5
(*73)	80	0	4	6	7½	9½	10½
Unilever	1150	29½	55½	73	4	32½	45
(*1170)	1200	2½	31	49	31½	61	72
Zeneca	850	35	54½	68½	1	23½	33
(*883)	900	4	26	43	19½	50	58½
BAA	475	14½	31	—	1	11	—
(*487½)	500	1½	17	25½	13½	22½	29
Thames W	460	24	38	48½	0½	8	20
(*483)	500	1½	15½	27	18	26½	41

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	360	30½	42	48	1½	6½	13
(*386)	390	10½	24½	31	11½	18	24½
Ladbroke	160	16½	19½	24½	1½	6	8½
(*174½)	180	4	8	14½	9½	15½	18½
Utd Bisc	300	22½	28	32½	2½	11	14½
(*318½)	330	5	11½	18	15	27½	30½
BAT Ind	420	34	42½	48	2½	14	22
(*449)	460	9	19½	27½	18	34½	43
BTR	300	15½	21½	27	3½	12	15
(*309½)	330	2½	8	13½	21	30	32½
Br Aero	409	31	43½	—	6	19	—
(*431½)	448	10	24	—	24	39½	—
Br Telcm	390	22	33½	40	3	8½	14½
(*408½)	420	4	16	23	16	21½	29
Cadbury	420	14½	22	30	8	20½	23
(*423½)	460	2	7½	14½	36½	48	49½
Guinness	420	25	33	39	3½	11½	19½
(*439)	460	4½	11½	20	23½	34	37
GEC	280	18½	26½	31	1½	5	9½
(*295)	300	6	14	19	9	13	19
Hanson	220	21½	24	27½	0½	3½	7
(*239½)	240	6½	11½	15½	6	11	15
LASMO	130	11	16	19	1½	5	6
(*139)	140	4½	10½	13½	5	9½	10½
Lucas	180	18	23	28	1½	6	8½
(*195½)	200	5½	11½	17½	9	14½	17½
Pilkngtn	160	7½	13	17	4	6½	10
(*162½)	180	1	4½	8	18	19	21½
Prudential	300	17½	23½	29	3½	12½	16½
(*312½)	330	5	9	15½	19½	30½	34
Redland	420	42½	51	59½	1½	13½	18½
(*458)	460	13½	29½	32	13	33½	38
R-Royce	160	10	15	18½	2½	7	10
(*167)	180	1½	6½	10	14	19	21
Tesco	220	22	27½	29	1	5½	8½
(*239½)	240	7½	14½	17	7½	13½	17½
Vodafone	200	11	18½	23	3½	8	11½
(*206½)	217	3½	—	—	13	—	—
Williams	300	32	38	41	1	5½	8
(*329)	330	9½	17½	22½	8½	18	21
Fisons	110	9½	13½	16½	6½	11	12½
(*110)	120	5½	9½	12½	13	17	18
Eastern Gp	750	30	57½	72	17	37½	48½
(*768½)	800	9	34½	48½	48	61	76½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abbey Nat	420	20	27	33½	16½	23	28½
(*427)	460	5	11½	19	45½	49½	53½
Amstrad	125	8½	12½	—	5½	8	—
(*128)	150	1	4	—	23½	25	—
Barclays	550	39	48	57½	13½	22	31
(*574½)	600	13	24½	34	42½	49½	57½
Blue Circ	280	15½	21	26½	13½	19½	24
(*281½)	300	8	12½	18½	22½	32	36
Br Gas	300	17	24	27	6½	14	17
(*307½)	330	4½	10	13½	24½	32	34½
Dixons	180	21½	27½	30½	3	6½	11
(*198½)	200	8½	16	19½	11	15	20½
Forte	240	13½	19	22½	7	13	16
(*244)	260	4½	10	15	18½	25	27½
Hillsdwn	160	19½	22	25½	1	5½	7½
(*176)	180	6	9½	12½	6	15½	17½
Lonrho	140	18½	24	25½	2½	5	7
(*157)	160	6	13	15	10½	13½	16
Sears	100	9	11½	12	2	4½	5½
(*106)	110	3½	6½	7	6½	10	11
Thrn Emi	1000	56½	83½	93	13	24½	39½
(*1032½)	1050	27	56½	63½	34½	46	63½
Tomkins	220	16½	24½	28	4½	8½	13
(*233)	240	6½	14	18	14	18	23
TSB	220	12	17½	22½	9½	13½	16½
(*225)	240	4	9	14	23	25½	28½
Wellcome	650	52½	70½	84½	20½	30	40½
(*685)	700	26½	45	59½	45	55	65
Natl Pwr	460	44½	56½	61	5	14	18½
(*494)	500	19	32½	38½	19	31	36
Scot Pwr	330	19½	31	37	12½	19	25½
(*339½)	360	6½	18	23½	30½	36	42½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	650	28½	49	67	½	23	33½
(*676)	700	2	25½	42½	25½	50	59½
HSBC	650	21	45	55½	4	30	41
(*667)	700	1	22	34	34½	62	71
Reuter	420	12½	27	37½	2	16½	21
(*429½)	460	0	10½	20	30½	40½	44

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins	260	23½	29	33½	2½	10½	13
(*278½)	280	11	18	23	10	20	22½

FT-SE INDEX (*3062)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	109	65½	31½	10	2½	1
Feb	139	102½	70½	45	26	13½
Mar	159	122½	93	67½	46	31½
Apr	178½	148½	119	94	72½	52½
Jun	—	175	—	122½	—	79
Puts						
Jan	4½	11½	28	59½	106	156
Feb	24½	39	57½	83	116½	158
Mar	43½	58½	79	105	135	172
Apr	66	85	105	131½	162½	195
Jun	—	104	—	150½	—	208

January 11, 1995 Tot: 41962 Call: 19451 Put: 22511 FT-SE Call: 4049 Put: 7230
*Underlying security price.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3076.0	3103.0	3059.0	3064.0	14811
Previous open interest: 58800	Jun 95	3102.0	3105.5	3102.0	3075.5	309
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3490.0	3490.0	3490.0	3490.0	20
Previous open interest: 3965	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.75	92.95	92.72	92.90	66666
Previous open interest: 411123	Jun 95	92.02	92.23	91.98	92.18	38029
	Sep 95	91.50	91.72	91.48	91.66	17546
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95	93.01	93.01	93.01	93.06	35
Previous open interest: 2246	Jun 95				92.33	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.61	94.65	94.60	94.61	42698
Previous open interest: 661347	Jun 95	94.15	94.19	94.14	94.14	34703
Long Gilt	Mar 95	100-18	101-10	100-12	100-23	83572
Previous open interest: 91302	Jun 95	100-25	101-07	100-25	100-27	100
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.30	108.44	108.28	108.40	3846
	Jun 95				107.68	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	89.03	89.40	88.96	88.99	166388
Previous open interest: 185077	Jun 95	88.45	88.83	88.45	88.43	203
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.34	93.40	93.29	93.34	2622
Previous open interest: 19408	Jun 95	92.84	92.91	92.82	92.84	902
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.73	95.73	95.67	95.67	4546
Previous open interest: 36008	Jun 95	95.40	95.40	95.36	95.36	1709
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	97.45	98.35	97.40	97.94	47534
Previous open interest: 48373	Jun 95				97.14	0

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7½-7⅜
Interbank:	6-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7½-7⅜

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	6⅛	6⅝	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	5.78	n/a	6.21	6.71	7.45
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-5	5⅝-5½	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	5⅛-4¼
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4¼
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-4	4⅛-3¾
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $375.10-375.50 Close: $375.80-376.30 High: $375.80-376.30
Low: $374.05-374.55 AM: $375.00 PM: $375.60

Krugerrand: $375.50-377.50 (£240.25-242.25)

Platinum: $411.00 (£262.95) Silver: $4.71 (£3.015) Palladium: $155.75 (£99.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Jan 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6790-2.6939	2.6790-2.6823	¼-⅛pr	1-¾pr
Brussels	49.20-49.50	49.20-49.31	5-2pr	16-10pr
Copenhagen	9.4350-9.4760	9.4350-9.4400	¼pr-par	1-¼pr
Dublin	1.0075-1.0110	1.0078-1.0105	4-1pr	5ds-par
Frankfurt	2.3912-2.4024	2.3912-2.3944	⅛-¼pr	⅞-¾pr
Lisbon	246.27-247.90	246.27-246.90	85-97ds	271-307ds
Madrid	207.66-209.07	207.66-207.96	49-87ds	163-192ds
Milan	2527.30-2542.40	2527.30-2530.60	5-7ds	16-20ds
Montreal	2.2012-2.2094	2.2012-2.2043	par-0.08ds	0.10-0.22ds
New York	1.5572-1.5638	1.5572-1.5582	0.04-0.02pr	0.07-0.04pr
Oslo	10.4870-10.5310	10.4870-10.5030	⅜-⅛pr	2⅛-1pr
Paris	8.2540-8.2930	8.2540-8.2680	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-⅝pr
Stockholm	11.6860-11.7430	11.6860-11.7100	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅛-6ds
Tokyo	155.53-156.35	155.53-155.79	⅜-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.81-16.93	16.81-16.85	1⅛-⅞pr	6-3⅝pr
Zurich	2.0056-2.0127	2.0056-2.0086	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Australia	1.3015-1.3024
Austria	10.80-10.81
Belgium (Com)	31.63-31.64
Canada	1.4130-1.4135
Denmark	6.0570-6.0590
France	5.3045-5.3050
Germany	1.5360-1.5365
Hong Kong	7.7660-7.7670
Ireland	1.5450-1.5445
Italy	1627.40-1628.40
Japan	99.86-99.91
Malaysia	2.5535-2.5545
Netherlands	1.7223-1.7228
Norway	6.7325-6.7350
Portugal	158.35-158.45
Singapore	1.4515-1.4525
Spain	133.43-133.53
Sweden	7.5036-7.5136
Switzerland	1.2872-1.2882

Argentina peso*	1.5585-1.5611
Australia dollar	2.0318-2.0337
Bahrain dinar	0.583-0.595
Brazil real*	1.3167-1.3207
Cyprus pound	0.733-0.743
Finland markka	7.405-7.521
Greece drachma	368.75-373.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1227-12.1321
India rupee	48.56-49.56
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	3.9860-3.9901
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4341-2.4371
Pakistan rupee	47.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.800-5.926
Singapore dollar	2.2658-2.2688
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4879-6.5234
S Africa rand (com)	5.5013-5.5173
U A E dirham	5.6775-5.8015

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

3i	273	Legal & Gn	2,500
ASDA Gp	5,400	Lloyds Bk	5,100
Abbey Natl	3,300	MEPC	1,000
Alld Dom	2,800	Marks Spr	2,700
Argyll Gp	2,700	NatWst Bk	11,000
Arjo Wiggin	1,100	Nat Power	5,400
AB Foods	1,800	Nth Wst W	255
BAA	2,000	P & O	1,200
BAT Inds	4,800	Pearson	1,500
BOC	1,200	PowerGen	3,300
BP	7,900	Prudential	5,400
BTR	9,700	RMC	534
BT	18,000	RTZ	2,700
Bk of Scot	694	Rank Org	4,200
Barclays	8,300	Reckitt Col	1,500
Bass	3,500	Redland	975
Blue Circle	4,600	Reed Intl	1,200
Boots	680	Rentokil	295
Bowater	949	Reuters	6,100
Brit Aero	895	Rolls Royce	3,300
Brit Airwys	3,000	Ryl Ins	1,500
Brit Gas	6,600	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800
Brit Steel	14,000	Sainsbury	3,000
Burmah Ctrl	826	Schroders	16
Cable Wire	5,200	Scot & New	292
Cadbury	2,400	Scot Power	2,400
Caradon	765	Sears	1,500
Carlton Cms	231	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	1,700	Shell Trans	5,800
Courtaulds	290	Siebe	1,200
De La Rue	829	SmKl Bch	2,500
Eastern Elec	1,300	Smith Npk	1,600
Enterpr Oil	2,700	Sthern Elec	1,100
Forte	3,300	Std Chartd	3,900
GKN	2,400	Sun Allnce	2,100
GRE	2,000	TI Gp	1,400
GUS	1,200	TSB	4,700
Gen Acc	1,200	Tesco	3,000
Gen Elec	9,100	Thames W	404
Glaxo	8,200	Thrn EMI	635
Granada	538	Tomkins	3,200
Grand Met	4,300	Unilever	1,800
Guinness	6,300	Utd Bisc	2,900
HSBC	3,500	Vodafone	6,400
Hanson	4,700	Warburg	1,300
ICI	2,600	Wellcome	4,100
Inchcape	746	Whitbread	344
Kingfisher	2,500	Wilms Hld	2,500
Ladbroke	4,000	Wolseley	203
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	1,400

	Jan 11 midday	Jan 10 close
AMP Inc	73¼	73¼
AMR Crp	55⅝	56⅛
AT & T	49⅛	48⅞
Abbott Labs	31	31¼
Advanced Micro	29½	29¼
Aetna Life	48⅝	48⅝
Alumnium (HK)	16¾	16⅝
Air Prod & Chem	45⅝	45⅞
Albertson's	29⅛	29⅜
Alcan Aluminum	26⅝	26⅜
Alco Standard	63⅝	63⅞
Allied Signal	35	34⅞
Alum Co of Am	89⅝	88
Amax Gold Inc	5	4⅞
Amerada Hess	48	44
Amer Brands	37¼	37¼
Amer El Power	33⅞	34
Amer Express	29½	29⅛
Amer Genl Corp	29¼	29½
Amer Home Pr	63	63¼
Amer Intl	99⅛	98⅝
Amer Stores	26⅝	26¾
Ameritech	40⅝	40⅝
Amoco	57⅝	58⅛
Anheuser-Busch	52⅜	52⅜
Apple Computer	42¾	43⅞
Archer Daniels	20	20
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrong Wrld	44	45⅜
Asarco	28⅝	29⅛
Ashland Oil	32	33
Atl Richfield	101¼	102¼
Auto Data Pro	60⅜	59⅝
Avery Dennison	34⅜	34
Avon Products	59⅝	58⅞
Baker Hughes	17⅛	17⅜
Baltim Gas & El	22⅝	22⅝
Banc One	26⅝	26⅝
BankAmerica	40⅝	41⅛
Bank of NY	29⅝	29¼
Bankers Tr NY	56⅜	57⅝
Barnett Banks	39⅞	40
Bausch & Lomb	35⅜	35
Baxter Intl	27¾	28
Becton Dickinson	49⅝	50⅛
Bell Atlantic	49⅛	49
BellSouth	54⅝	53⅞
Black & Decker	23⅝	23⅞
Block (H&R)	36	35⅜
Boeing	45⅝	47⅜
Boise Cascade	28⅛	28¼
Borden Inc	12⅜	12⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅝	58⅞
Browning Ferris	28½	28½
Brunswick	19⅛	19⅛
Burlington Nthn	51⅝	51⅞
CBS	57⅝	57⅝
CNA Financial	65⅝	65⅝
CPC Intl	52	52
CSX	72⅝	72⅝
Campbell Soup	42⅝	43
Can Pacific	14⅝	14⅝
Cpt Cities ABC	84⅝	84⅞
Carolina Pwr	26⅜	26⅝
Caterpillar	57⅝	58⅛
Central & SW	22⅝	22⅝
Champion Intl	38⅝	38⅝
Chase Manhat	33⅞	34⅝
Chemical Bk	36⅜	37⅛
Chevron Corp	44⅝	44⅝
Chrysler	51⅛	51⅜
Chubb Corp	76⅝	77
Cigna Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Citicorp	39⅞	41⅛
Clorox	56	56⅛
Coastal Corp	25⅜	25⅝
Coca Cola	49⅝	49⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	58⅝	58⅞
Columbia Gas	24⅛	24⅜
Compaq Comp	40¼	41⅛
Comp Ass Int	50⅝	51⅝
Conagra	30⅝	31⅛
Cons Edison	26⅜	26⅛
Cons Nat Gas	35	35⅜
Conrail	54⅛	55⅛
Cooper Inds	36	35⅝
Corning Inc	30⅛	30⅜
Crown Cork	38⅛	38⅜
Dana Corp	24⅜	25
Dayton Hudson	69⅞	69⅞
Deere	65⅝	65⅝
Delta Air Lines	52⅝	52⅝
Detroit Edison	28⅝	28⅝
Digital Equip	34⅝	35⅝
Dillard Dept St	29⅛	29⅛
Disney (Walt)	45⅝	45⅝
Dominion Res	35⅝	35⅝
Donnelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	51⅝	52
Dow Chemical	68⅝	68⅝
Dow Jones	30⅜	31⅛
Dresser	18⅞	18⅞
Duke Power	38⅝	38⅝
Dun & Bradst	53⅝	54⅝
Du Pont	55⅞	55⅞
Eastman Kodak	47⅝	47⅝
Eaton Corp	51	51
Emerson Elec	62⅝	62⅝
Engelhard Corp	24⅛	25⅛
Enron Corp	28⅝	29⅛
Entergy	22⅜	22⅝
Ethyl Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Exxon	60⅝	60⅝
FMC Corp	57⅝	57⅝
FPL Group	34⅜	34⅝
Federal Express	60⅝	60⅜
Fed Nat Mtge	75⅝	75⅝
First Chicago	45⅝	46⅛
First Interstate	68⅞	69
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅝	33⅝
Fluor Corp	46⅝	47
Ford Motor	28⅜	28⅜
GTE Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Gannett	51⅝	51⅜
Gap Inc Del	31⅛	31⅛
Gen Dynamics	43⅝	43⅝
Gen Electric	51	50⅝
Gen Mills	56⅝	56⅝
Gen Motors	41⅛	41⅛
Gen Reinsurance	122⅝	123
Gen Signal	34	33⅝
Genuine Parts	36⅝	36⅝
Georgia Pac	76	75⅝
Gillette	72⅝	72⅝
Glaxo ADR	20⅛	20⅜
Goodrich (BF)	43⅝	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	35⅝	35⅝
Grace (WR)	39⅝	40
Gt Atl Pac Tea	19⅛	19⅜
Great Wstn Fin	16⅝	16⅝
Halliburton	34⅝	34⅝
Harcourt General	34	33⅝
Heinz (HJ)	38⅝	38⅝
Hercules	117⅛	118⅝
Hershey Foods	49	48⅝
Hewlett Packard	101⅝	103
Hilton Hotels	65⅝	66⅝
Home Depot	45⅝	45⅝
Homestake Mng	16⅛	15⅝
Honeywell	32⅝	33⅝
Household Intl	37⅝	37⅝
Houston Inds	35⅝	36
Humana	23⅝	23⅝
ITT Corp	87	87⅝
Illinois Tool	42⅝	42⅝
Illinova	21⅛	21⅝
INCO	29⅝	29⅝
Ingersoll Rand	32⅝	32⅝
Inland Steel	34⅝	35⅜
Intel Corp	66⅝	66⅝
IBM	76⅝	76⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	46⅝	46⅝
Intl Paper	77⅛	77
James River Va	20⅛	21⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅝	54⅝
Kellogg	57⅝	57⅝
Kerr-McGee	44⅝	44⅝
Kimberly-Clark	49⅝	49⅝
Kmart	13⅝	13⅝
Knight-Ridder	51⅝	51⅝
Lilly (Eli)	63⅝	63⅝
Limited Inc	17⅝	17⅝
Lin Broadcstg	132⅝	132
Lincoln Nat	35⅛	34⅞
Litton	36⅝	35⅝
Liz Claiborne	17⅝	17⅝
Lockheed	74⅝	75⅝
Louisiana Pac	28⅝	27⅝
MCI Comm	18⅝	18⅝
Marriott Int	28⅝	28⅝
Marsh & McLnn	77⅝	77⅝
Masco Corp	22⅝	23⅝
May Dept St	33⅝	33⅝
Maytag Corp	15	15
McDonalds	28⅝	29⅝
McDonnell D	49⅝	49⅝
McGraw Hill	65	65⅝
Mead Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Medtronic	54⅝	53⅝
Mellon Bk	31⅝	31⅝
Melville Corp	31⅝	31⅝
Merck Inc	38⅝	38⅝
Merrill Lynch	35⅝	37⅝
Minnesota Mine	52⅝	53⅝
Mobil Corp	84⅝	85
Monsanto	68⅝	69⅝
Morgan (JP)	56⅝	57⅝
Motorola Inc	61	61⅝
Natl Medical	14⅝	14⅝
Natl Semi	19⅛	19⅝
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Int	16⅝	16⅝
NBD Bancorp	26⅝	26⅝
NY Times A	22⅝	22⅝
Newmont Mng	34⅝	34⅝
Niag Mohawk	14⅝	14⅝
Nike B	71⅝	72
NL Industries	12⅝	12⅝
Noram Energy	5⅝	5⅝
Nordstrom	42⅝	43
Norfolk Sthn	62⅝	62⅝
Nthn State Pwr	44⅝	44⅝
Norwest Corp	22⅝	22⅝
Nynex Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Occidental Pet	19⅝	19⅝
Ohio Edison	18⅝	19
Oracle Systems	43⅝	44⅝
Oryx Energy Co	11⅝	11⅝
Owens Corning	31⅝	31⅝
PNC Financial	21⅝	21⅝
PPG Industries	39⅝	39
Paccar Inc	46⅝	46⅝
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	21⅝	21⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Telesis	28⅝	28⅝
Pall Corp	19⅝	19
Panhandle East	19⅝	19⅝
Parker Hannifin	47⅝	47⅝
Peco Energy	24⅝	24⅝
Penney (JC)	42	42⅝
Pennzoil	43⅝	44
Pepsico	34⅝	34⅝
Pfizer	74⅝	75⅝
Phelps Dodge	61⅝	61⅝
Philip Morris	56⅝	57
Phillips Pet	30⅝	31⅝
Pitney Bowes	31⅝	31⅝
Polaroid	29⅝	29⅝
PriceCostco	12⅝	12⅝
Procter & Gmbl	61⅝	61⅝
Providian	31⅝	32
Pub Serv E & G	26⅝	26⅝
Quaker Oats	31⅝	31⅝
Ralston Purina	45	44⅝
Raychem Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Raytheon	65⅝	64
Reebok Intl	38⅝	38⅝
Reynolds Metals	51⅝	51⅝
Roadway Srvcs	52⅝	52⅝
Rockwell Intl	36⅝	36⅝
Rohm & Haas	57⅝	58⅝
Royal Dutch	107⅝	107⅝
Rubbermaid	27⅝	27⅝
Safeco Corp	50⅝	51⅝
St Paul's Cos	44⅝	44⅝
Salomon Inc	37⅝	38⅝
Santa Fe Pac	17⅝	17⅝
Sara Lee Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Scecorp	14⅝	15⅝
Schering Plough	71⅝	73⅝
Schlumberger	50⅝	50⅝
Scott Paper	69⅝	70⅝
Seagram	29⅝	29⅝
Sears Roebuck	47⅝	47⅝
Shell Trans	65⅝	65⅝
Sherwin Wilms	32⅝	32⅝
Skyline Corp	18	18⅝
Snap-On-Tools	32	32⅝
Southern Co	20⅝	20⅝
Sthwestern Bell	40⅝	40⅝
Sprint Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Stanley Works	38	37⅝
Sun Company	28⅝	28⅝
Sun Microsys	35⅝	35⅝
Suntrust	47⅝	47⅝
Supervalu	23⅝	23⅝
Sysco Corp	25	25⅝
TRW Inc	64⅝	64⅝
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	17⅝	17⅝
Tandy Corp	49⅝	49⅝
Teledyne	21⅝	21⅝
Temple Inland	48⅝	49
Tenneco	43	42⅝
Texaco	60⅝	60⅝
Texas Inst	75⅝	75⅝
Texas Utilities	33	33⅝
Textron	49⅝	49⅝
Time Warner	33⅝	34⅝
Times-Mirror	31⅝	31⅝
Timken	34⅝	35⅝
Torchmark	39⅝	35
Toys R Us	29⅝	29⅝
Transamerica	50⅝	51
Travelers	34⅝	34⅝
Tribune	53⅝	53⅝
Tyco Labs	45⅝	47
UST Inc	28⅝	28⅝
UAL	88⅝	89⅝
USX Marathon	16⅝	16⅝
Unicom	24⅝	24⅝
Unilever NV	117⅝	117⅝
Union Camp	45⅝	46⅝
Union Carbide	28⅝	28⅝
Union Pacific	47⅝	47⅝
Unisys Corp	9⅝	9⅝
USAir Group	4⅝	4⅝
USF&G Corp	14⅝	14⅝
US Life	33	33
US West	35⅝	35⅝
United Tech	63⅝	64⅝
Unocal Corp	25⅝	26⅝
Upjohn	30⅝	30⅝
VF Corp	47⅝	47⅝
WMX Tech	27⅝	27
Wal-Mart Stores	21⅝	21⅝
Warner-Lambert	77⅝	78⅝
Wells Fargo	149⅝	150
Westinghouse El	12⅝	12⅝
Weyerhaeuser	39⅝	40⅝
Whirlpool	49⅝	50⅝
Whitman	16	16⅝
Winn Dixie	51⅝	51⅝
Woolworth	16⅝	16⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47⅝	47⅝
Xerox	99⅝	100⅝
Yellow Corp	21⅝	21⅝

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Anita upsets Environment

ANITA RODDICK's Body Shop has been highly successful in blending profits with the ecosystem. Her performance has, I learn, not been as remarkable where planning applications are concerned. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has just rejected a planning appeal for a Body Shop sign outside a listed building in Chichester, a decision warmly welcomed by a district council opposed to advertising in the heart of the cathedral city. Gummer's department judged that the proposed dark-green hanging sign would be visually harmful. Roddick earlier lost an appeal against Arun District Council over a signboard on which she aired her personal philosophy outside her original HQ at Littlehampton. Perhaps she should turn to Teresa Gorman, Tory MP for Billericay, for comfort.

Power hair

JUSTIN Urquart-Stewart, of Barclays Stockbrokers, was drying his hair when the new TV ad for National Power and PowerGen came on. Just as the ad spoke of an "impressive release of power", his dryer blew up and burst into flames. This powerful sign followed a curious day that embraced a meeting with the Chechen ambassador and an interview with an Alsatian dog. Who says City life is dull?

Thrilling issue

UNFITTING as the linkage may seem, Hargreave Hale, the Blackpool stockbroking firm, is offering a free ride on the resort's "Big One", the world's tallest and fastest roller-coaster, to anyone buying Generator shares through their share shops.



"If they don't like the campaign maybe they should change agencies"

Tinvitation

AS THE deep scars of the 1985 tin crisis heal, London is still far from wanting the return of the International Tin Council. Britain has, however, held on to the International Tin Research Institute (ITRI) in its new form. Funding from the Association of Tin Producing Countries dried up last month, forcing the organisation to go private. Rod Bedder, the new managing director, tells me that the prospects for tin are brighter than for ages. The ITRI's backers are big producers from the Pacific Basin, Latin America and Europe. South Crofty, the only surviving British tin producer, has been invited to join too, and smelter and consumer firms are equally welcome.

Russian riddle

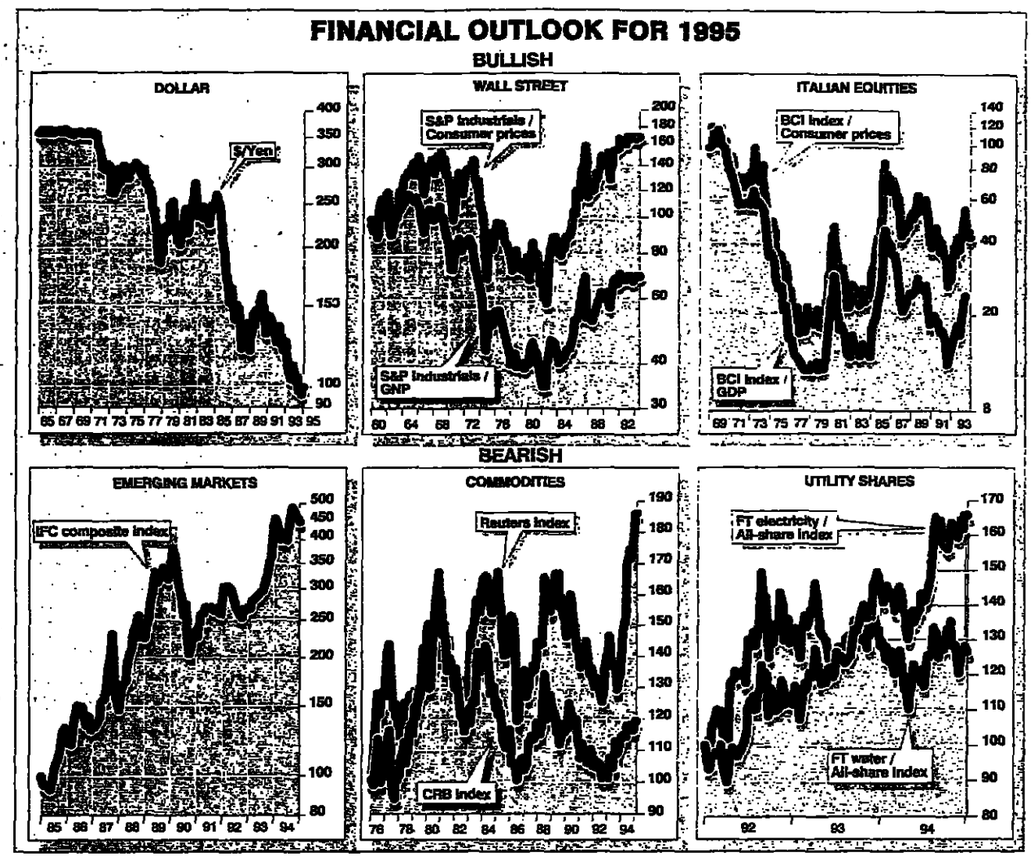
GERARD DE GEER, Swedish chairman of Brunswick, the Russian stockbroking company, is pleased with the first 18 months of his highly profitable Moscow venture. But office life is not problem-free on Tsvetnoy Boulevard. "Have you ever tried explaining to a Russian what a Chinese Wall means?" he asked me yesterday.

COLIN NARBROUGH

ECONOMIC VIEW  ANATOLE KALETSKY

Big stock markets look good but beware in the Far East

The dollar will be strong, the yen weak and bonds could turn out riskier than equities



In the four years that I have been using the first Economic View each January to hazard a few guesses about the economic and financial outlook, I have consistently found that the financial predictions have come out better than the ones on economics and policy. Last year produced the starkest contrast yet between some fairly astute financial predictions and wildly inaccurate ones on the economy, as discussed here on December 22. This year, I have accordingly decided to concentrate on financial markets, leaving my views about economics and politics for the months ahead.

Normally, I try to stick my neck out and look for financial ideas not yet accepted as conventional wisdom in the media and the markets. But this year such contrarian thinking is difficult; analysts and investors have become exceptionally cautious after last year's bloodbath in the bond markets, and there is simply no strong consensus on most economic issues today.

Nowhere is the caution and lack of consensus more evident than in the currency and bond markets. On currencies, *the main global issue is, as* usual, the fate of the dollar and there seems to be an even match between the dollar bears and bulls. Personally, having been on the side of the bears for most of the past ten years, *I switched in the autumn. For reasons discussed* in detail here on December 15, I suspect the long-term downward trend in the dollar may finally be over.

With American industry *now operating at full capacity*, America no longer has anything to gain from an undervalued dollar, which is merely stoking inflation. An upward move by the dollar towards its purchasing power parity (but *still stopping well short of it)* is therefore now in the interests of America's politicians, industrialists and voters. And American interests, as perceived by Americans, have always been the dominant factor in G7 initiatives and major currency realignments in the past.

As capital flows out of Japan and, more importantly, as American investors become increasingly disillusioned with global diversification, the dollar should move quite sharply upwards against the yen. *While the forward market* is forecasting a dollar-yen exchange rate of around 95 by the end of 1995, I would expect it to end nearer 120. The dollar should also strengthen against the mark and the pound, but *by a smaller margin.*

Overall, the yen looks like becoming the weakest major currency of 1995 as Japanese investors realise that are missing the chance of a lifetime to buy up foreign assets on the cheap.

On long-term interest rates, many analysts believe that the worst is now over and expect a recovery in bond markets around the middle of this year. Boringly, I agree. I would, however, add a qualification. It may well be that bond markets all over the world are now undervalued (and this is especially true of British gilts), given the excellent prospects *for inflation, the still moderate* pressure on world savings and, the probability that the Federal Reserve Board's monetary tightening will be over by the middle of the year.

One of the first signs that the *monetary tightening is nearly* over will be a turnround in commodity markets. A fall in many commodities now seems imminent, as evidenced by the weakness of mining shares, though not yet of the commodity *indices themselves. Before* the present worldwide economic expansion is over, commodity prices will doubtless rise even higher, but the speed of their run-up last year was exaggerated by speculation and a year of *falling* prices probably lies ahead.

But even if fears about inflation subside, as I think they soon will, bonds are unlikely to produce spectacular returns for investors. The losses suffered in the bubble of 1993-94 were so enormous that huge speculative positions are *still waiting* to be unloaded. Before a major bond rally can get started, a period of healing will be required, even after the economic fundamentals have turned benign.

The same technical argument can be put another way, which has some unexpected financial implications. What investors should have realised in the past year is that bonds are a very risky type of investment, and one that is very difficult to diversify or hedge. In fact, far from being a safe haven for widows and orphans, bonds have turned out to be riskier than equities — standing on its head the *conventional wisdom taught* in undergraduate economics, but vindicating the judgment traditionally made by British and American pension fund trustees. The implication is that bonds must carry a 'risk *premium and produce an* expected return higher than that available from equities. To do this, bond yields will have to remain relatively high.

What about equities? Many analysts argue that equity *markets are on the brink of a* crash, or at the very least are badly overvalued relative to bonds. I believe, on the contrary, that several leading equity markets, which were looking rather expensive a *year ago, are now quite attrac*tive. The best major market of all is the one that most investors are united in shunning — Wall Street. London and Tokyo look quite attractive, too.

If you believe, as I do, that the world is now in the early stages of long non-inflationary expansion, similar to the 1950s and 1960s, this is a good time to buy shares, especially those of American and Japanese multinationals and technology companies on the cutting edge of global growth.

But there is one crucial proviso. However brilliant the economic prospects, there is no point in buying shares if these are already ludicrously overvalued. Investors in Hong Kong have already learnt this lesson the hard way (as I predicted last year) and investors in other emerging markets will suffer similar losses before this year is out. Indeed, I would repeat and extend my warning of last January — the bear markets in the Far East and Latin America will not be over until shares there have lost at least half of their peak values. *Hong Kong has* already fallen almost that far, but far worse could still come even there if, as I expect, China descends into a period of political and economic chaos. Ironically, the only really at*tractive emerging market at* the moment ironically seems to be Russia. Especially after the Chechen invasion, the chaos there is fully priced in.

Now, for a more conventional speculative suggestion for *bulls. Italy, which I wrongly* extolled last year, could come into its own in 1995. Everything depends on a political settlement to clear away the sleazy political old guard which, of course, includes *Silvio Berlusconi. If an incor*ruptible, technocratic government were put in place, the country's outstanding economic prospects would rapidly shine through, especially for equity investors who stand to benefit from the extraordinary competitiveness of the lira.

But what about Wall Street and London? These markets are also said to be overvalued, at least according to many traditional valuation measures. But these measures are based on the assumption that a diversified portfolio of sound equities is riskier than a government bond. If this assumption is false, as I believe it is, then American, British and Japanese equities should prove a good, if unspectacular investment in the year ahead. In the long run, gains can be expected in line with nominal GDP growth of 5 to 6 per cent. But Wall Street could easily enjoy two years' worth of gains, since tax cuts will push money from bonds to equities, while fears of a "hard landing" in 1996 should soon vanish.

Britain, by contrast, could soon start to suffer from political jitters, as well as from disappointed expectations about Britain's economic miracle. The probability of a Labour victory is said by many analysts to be discounted already. I doubt it.

If investors were focusing seriously on a Labour govern*ment, utility shares would by* now have been savaged on the stock market. Instead, electricity shares are soaring, water shares have still not given up their enormous post-privatisation gains and even British *Gas has almost kept pace with* the market, despite the obvious prospect of tighter regulation. My last financial forecast is therefore that utility shares will be mauled by the bears. Such is John Major's incompe*tence that, in time for the next* election, he will manage to give even privatisation a bad name.

That, for now, is my only politico-economic prediction.

The politics of oil fuels yet another conflict

John Howell on why the republic of Chechenia is so important to Russia

Beneath the scenes of bombings and death on the streets of Grozny lies a more prosaic economic story to do with oil: one that goes someway to explaining why the might of Russia has been directed at a tiny mountainous republic. The current conflict is not about past production *and transportation, in which* Chechenia played a nodal role. Much of that infrastructure has been idle for some time. It is about the potential of the region and the oil fields lying in the *Caspian Sea to the east of* Grozny, where the oil reserves are estimated at several billion barrels. These fields, described by one oil company as "the oil opportunity of the last quarter of *this century", are mainly* under the influence of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan and being developed with leading western oil and gas companies.

Throughout 1994, Russia *fought to try to secure a* continuing stake in the development of these oil fields. Lukoil, the Russian oil producer, and Transneft, the pipeline distribution company, have been playing a *strategic game to gain valu*able Russian stakes in the production and pipeline initiatives in the region, while the Russia has tried to bring pressure to bear on the choice of where the new *pipelines should run.*

The problem is not so much in getting the oil out of the ground but in knowing what to do with it when it is out. The existing Russian pipeline network is largely inadequate to cope with the enormous flows predicted. All are agreed that new pipelines should be built. Just where has been a matter of intense geopolitical and international dispute. There are essentially three possible routes, none of *which is politically or eco*nomically perfect. The first, goes southwest from the Azerbajani fields and passes through Iran before ploughing across Turkey and on to the port of Ceyhan on the Turkish Mediterranean. The second cuts across from the Azerbajani fields through Georgia to the Black Sea. The third goes north to the Russian Black Sea port of Novorossiysk and would link up with a proposed pipeline from the north Caspian fields.

Last November, Yuri *Shafranik, Russia's Minis*ter of Fuel and Power, reaffirmed Russia's intention to back the northern route, maximising the amount of transportation in Russia (and tariff).

The great problem with this route is that it also passes through Chechenia and the ring of semi-autonomous republics that run along the Northern *Caucasus. Independence for* these regions would damage Russian influence in these crucial projects, while instability in the region has already raised the levels of nervousness and concern for *potential investors.*

Despite a direct hit by Russia on the Grozny refinery, Moscow sources confirm that Russian troops have been ordered to prevent further destruction of the energy infrastructure in Chechenia, while hundreds of millions of dollars has been pledged by Russia for rebuilding the energy sector when the conflict ends. Oil and gas were evidently king when Russian troops invaded Chechenia.

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Coal's great closing down sale

The pits have gone. Now British Coal's land is to go too. **Ross Tieman** reports


Proctor: six months to serve

Alone in his vast office, Ray Proctor, the director of privatisation at *British Coal, has acquired a* temporary air. The mementos of a lifetime in the coal industry — model draglines, dump trucks and coal carvings that adorn the bookcases — seem strangely out of place. For every day, Hobart House, British Coal's grand head office overlooking the Queen's back garden, becomes more empty as staff clear their desks, collect their redundancy cheques, and leave.

Even Mr Proctor has only six months more to serve. But those months will be busy. For his is the job of unwinding the complex web of assets and liabilities built up during the state's 48-year ownership of the British coal industry.

With the collieries and opencast *pits transferred to* new owners for some £950 million in the closing days of 1994, Mr Proctor is now turning over British Coal's entire property portfolio to *property agents for disposal.*

It looks like the biggest garage sale in history. Over the past half century, British Coal has acquired 110,000 acres of agricultural land. Some was intended for opencast *operations. Other* acres were bought for burial beneath spoil tips.

With agricultural land prices ranging from £400 to £500 an acre in South Wales to £1,000 or even £2,000 an acre in better parts of the East Midlands, this portfolio alone could be worth £70 million.

Some of the 238 tenants who farm this land are keen to buy their holdings. But according to Stephen *Dance, the director* of property specialists DTZ Debenham Thorpe who is handling the sale for British Coal, there will be other bidders. Some will be investors who will buy land and manage it or sell it piecemeal. Others are likely to be consortia of farmers, including some with neighbouring land, who want to extend their holdings. To meet demand, therefore, he expects to offer the acreage in 12 to 15 regional packages.

The British Coal housing portfolio, ranging from attractive country cottages to derelict houses wrecked by mining subsidence, will probably be offered in half a dozen lots. Recent sales by the Ministry of Defence of services accommodation has established a good market for houses in batches of around 120, he says. These are then often renovated by their new owners and sold piecemeal, over a prolonged period.

The mixed bag of residual sites, covering 13,000 acres, will be the hardest to sell, or value. For this reason, the vendors will try to switch the onus to potential buyers — regional property developers, such as St Modwen or Evans of Leeds — and cover themselves by including a clawback on development profits.

The most attractive sites are likely to be those of former collieries where large areas, sometimes on the outskirts of towns, are available for industrial or commercial use.

Mr Dance envisages offering three to six packages of properties, to balance redevelopment prospects with some of the most unattractive sites, including contaminated land.

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(Registration number 93/00000/06)

(Registered as an external company in England)

	Year ended 31 December 1994 R000	1993 R000
Revenue		
Income from rent and sale of property	12 054	9 506
Surplus on realisation of investments and fixed assets	7 769	2 053
Interest earned, gold royalties and income from other sources	832	1 263
Income from investments	1 071	1 203
	21 726	14 025
Expenditure and amounts written off	4 467	5 437
Administration and general	5 658	3 532
Interest paid	809	1 895
Amounts written off investments	-	10
Profit before tax	17 259	8 588
Tax	4 212	2 642
Profit after tax	13 047	5 946
Unappropriated profit, brought forward	47	13
Less	13 094	5 959
Less	13 035	5 912
Dividends declared	6 135	5 112
Interim 20c (18c)	2 045	1 840
Final 40c (32c)	4 090	3 272
Transfer to reserves	6 900	800
Unappropriated profit, carried forward	59	47
Earnings per share - cents	128	58
Dividends per share - cents	60	50
Times dividends covered	2,1	1,2
Net assets (as valued) per share - cents	1 588	1 427

DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

Dividend No. 144 of 40 cents per share, in respect of the year ended 31 December 1994, has been declared in South African currency, payable to members registered at the close of business on 27 January 1995.

Warrants payable on 23 February 1995 will be posted to members on 22 February 1995.

Non-resident shareholders' tax of 15 per cent will be deducted from the dividend where applicable.

The standard conditions relating to the payment of dividends are obtainable from the share transfer offices of the Company.

The register of members will be closed from 28 January to 3 February 1995, inclusive.

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11 January 1995

Rate rises put plans for industrial investment at risk

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

INDUSTRY'S investment plans are being curtailed in the wake of increases in interest rates — and price pressures are rising, which suggests further rate rises to come, according to new survey evidence today from middle-market businesses.

Ministers are awaiting the results later this month from the regular large-scale quarterly business surveys, from organisations such as the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce, to give a view on the current state of British industry, and especially the impact of recent increases in interest rates and any signs of that inflationary pressures are mounting.

In advance of that, Lloyds Bank today suggests that while economic recovery is gaining momentum, higher rates have "induced a greater sense of caution" in middle-market business.

In a survey taken last month among 2,000 companies with turnover between £1 million and £100 million, Lloyds said that businesses remained cautious about the prospects for both investment and jobs — in spite of their highest order books for two years and improvements in confidence, profits and cash flow.

On investment, the survey shows that a balance of 21 per cent of companies — those recording a rise set against those registering a fall — increased their investment in the past six months.

But while this is up from the 19 per cent balance of the previous half-year, companies' forward investment expectations for the first half of 1995 suggest a softening of intentions, with the balance falling back to 15 per cent in the wake of the two rises in interest rates towards the end of last year.

On prices, the bank says there is "some evidence that price pressures are rising", with a balance of 14 per cent of those surveyed reporting a rise in prices. The figure compares with a balance of 12 per cent in the previous six months, and a balance of 2 per cent saying prices had fallen a year ago.

Over the next six months, 19 per cent of businesses expect to raise their prices, but the bank warns that companies' ability to make planned price rises stick is still limited. The picture remains broadly flat with regard to jobs.

Michael Riding, Lloyds Bank commercial service general manager, says it is "worrying" to see the effect the rises in interest rates have had on investment and employment prospects: "The recovery is still fragile and further interest rate rises in 1995 will increase caution among businesses."

☐ Businesses in London are sharply increasing exports as overall growth accelerates — but some are experiencing recruitment difficulties and manufacturers are concerned about rising raw material prices, the London Chamber of Commerce says today.

Sodexho shares dip over acquisition

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

SHARES in Sodexho were marked lower in Paris yesterday after the French catering group said it planned to acquire Gardner Merchant for about £730 million.

Forte, the hotels group that owns 24 per cent of Gardner Merchant, has confirmed it is considering the offer, through which it would realise £134 million. Gardner Merchant's current management acquired the business from Forte and had planned to seek a stock market listing in London this year.

The new group will have combined turnover of Fr21.2 billion and earn operating profit of about Fr800 million, based on accounts for the period to August 31, 1994.

Sodexho proposes to pay £550 million for the business, Europe's largest contract caterer, and assume £180 million of debt. Sodexho shares were Fr9 lower at Fr853.

It said the acquisition would be part-financed by a Fr1.1 billion capital-raising in which its holding company, Financière Sodexho, would fully subscribe in proportion to its stake. A loan of about Fr2.2 billion will also help to pay for the acquisition; the rest of the money will come from Sodexho's treasury.

"The impact of this operation on the net profit per share of Sodexho will be positive for the year 1995-96," the company said.

Gardner Merchant would keep its autonomy and identity following the purchase, Sodexho said. The board of the British company will be composed of five Gardner Merchant directors, four from Sodexho and three independent directors.

Garry Hawkes, Gardner Marchant's current managing director, will become its chairman and managing director and will be appointed to the Sodexho board. Gardner Merchant's current management will stay in place and retain their responsibilities, Sodexho said.

TONY WHITE



Roger Holland, chairman of Cray Electronics: strategic alliances with BT and ICL

New products lift Cray profits

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

A STREAM of new products and a full contribution from the acquisition of P-E International allowed Cray Electronics, the data communications and software group, to increase profits by 29 per cent in the six months to October 31 to £10.1 million.

Roger Holland, the group's chairman, revealed that it has signed strategic alliances with BT and ICL, the British computer company owned by Fujitsu of Japan, to distribute its data communications products. It has also opened four new sales offices in Europe.

Cray's turnover rose 18 per cent during the half-year to £135 million. Much of the growth came from P-E International, although like-for-like sales at the company's dominant communications division rose 10 per cent to £82.5 million. Earnings per share gained by 20 per cent to 3p, and the interim dividend is being lifted by a third to 1p, payable on February 9.

Profits within the communications division rose 16 per cent to £7.8 million. Cray is now the largest communications systems provider in Europe, and has started trying to increase its presence in America; during the half year it signed contracts worth $3.9 million with the Federal Aviation Authority and Digital.

Cray Systems, the software design division, increased profits 58 per cent to £1.9 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Help for Russia in Scottish Nuclear deal

NUCLEAR power experts from Scotland are to go to Russia to help the industry there under a £1.9 million contract announced by Scottish Nuclear. The company is hoping to win a large share of further work worth a total of £9 million. The initial contract is the first for a new international subsidiary announced today by SN which supplies about about half of Scotland's electricity. The subsidiary had been set up to exploit the growing commercial opportunities in the worldwide nuclear industry, said the company.

Under the Russian deal, John Dynan, a senior engineer from SN's Torness power station, will go to Smolensk to head a project team which will carry out plant upgrade work. In addition, George Miller, a planning engineer seconded from SN's Hunterston plant, will be responsible for installing a computer maintenance system. SN's new subsidiary is not just targeting eastern Europe. It is looking for new business around the world, particularly in the Far East.

APTA buys three homes

APTA Healthcare, the newly floated nursing homes company, is acquiring three nursing homes in Lincolnshire for £4.17 million. These add 156 beds, bringing the group's total to 856. The acquisitions, which follow other recent purchases, accompanied results for the half-year to October 31 showing taxable profits ahead to £463,000 (£346,000). Shareholders who were paid nothing last time will receive a 0.4p interim dividend on earnings per share increased by 0.1p to 0.5p.

Boardroom coup at B&E

IAN GOWRIE-SMITH, founder and former managing director of Medeva, the drugs group, has become executive chairman of Black & Edgington, supplier of marquees and portable buildings after a boardroom coup. David Gordon, former chairman, and David Fox, finance director, will stay as executive directors, part-time, until June. Mr Gowrie-Smith's family trust and Nigel Wray, chairman of Burford Holdings, have between them taken a 29.76 per cent stake in B&E.

Arcadian to buy hotels

ARCADIAN International, the hotels group, is expanding its portfolio by agreeing to buy two hotels for £10.3 million. The group is planning to raise £13.8 million via a share placing and open offer. Investors are being offered seven new shares for every 12 held at 37p each. The hotels involved are the Haycock, near Peterborough, and the Mollington Banastre, near Chester. After the acquisition Arcadian will control or operate 15 hotels in Britain and France.

Southern Business falls

SOUTHERN BUSINESS GROUP, the supplier of office equipment was hit by a difficult period for the photocopier industry as pre-tax profits tumbled by £5 million to £7.2 million in the year to September 31. Turnover was down from £57.7 million to £53.3 million. The company continued to reposition agreements to a maximum of five-year terms resulting in a reduction in forward contracted income. The dividend is held at 3.72p on earnings of 5p, down from 8.44p.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Principles are not red herrings

Michael Hughes says that auditors must be valued for objectivity and judgment, not for following rules

I believe that Robert Bruce missed a vital link, in his article that described the future of accounting standards — principles versus rules — as "a red herring debate". The audit agenda is crucial to the future of financial reporting but audit and accounting are intertwined in more ways than one. The debate about accounting strikes at the heart of the role of the auditor and will in time affect the rigour and independence of his thinking — which brings us back to the audit agenda.

So what have accounting standards to do with the rigour of the auditor's mind? It is this. Auditors are valued for objectivity and judgment. An increasingly detailed rule book of accounting standards is, therefore, a bad start for developing good auditors. It gives rise to the "where does it say I can't do that" mentality. Some preparers of accounts will point to the rules and ask their auditor where it is said that some questionable treatment cannot be adopted.

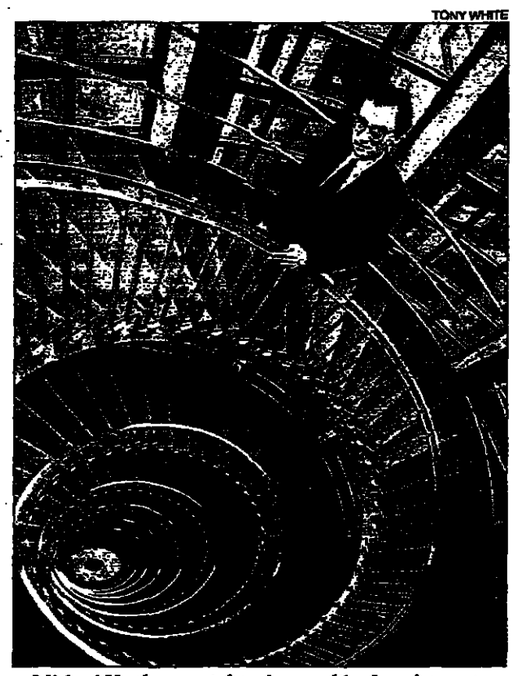
And the mentality itself results in demand for even more rules in order to encompass all possible situations — a wholly unachievable objective.

My own profession participates in this: we ask for gaps in the rules to be plugged. But plugging gaps takes time; and more gaps will simply appear.

This concentration on more rules is perverse. It is not absence of rules that is the problem, but attitude of mind. To try to resolve it with more detailed rules, just reinforces underlying attitudes. What auditors need is not more rules: it is good training and judgment and an independent mind.

There are many auditors who continue to take stands against improper accounting regardless of the rules. They are, rightly, contemptuous of the "where does it say I can't do that" question. But their lives become more difficult as the rule book expands. They have to force clients to apply these rules even where they do not regard them as relevant or appropriate. The focus on compliance reduces time for judgment. Directors increasingly, therefore, see auditors as rule-driven animals, rather than independent-minded individuals whose judgment is worth heeding. And increasingly our new blood is brought up learning the detailed rules, with less and less time — or indeed scope — to learn the appropriate use of judgment.

TONY WHITE



Michael Hughes wants heavier penalties for miscreants

UK standard-setting arrangements have been in place for almost four years. This is therefore an appropriate time to consider the future regime we want. Do we wish to follow a prescriptive route or develop principles that allow greater use of judgment applied to specific circumstances? As Robert Bruce identified, the $64,000 question is whether the preparers of accounts and their auditors can be trusted to apply good judgment. It is important that we focus on the mechanisms that will achieve this goal. Here is a first shot:

☐ The way in which we train and educate our new auditors must alter. We must get away from rule-driven training and focus on developing independence of mind, stressing importance of proper judgment.

☐ Audit firms' internal review processes which monitor audit quality must be focused on the quality of judgment of individual partners and their independence of mind.

☐ Audit firms are reviewed by their regulator. The regulator's programme must develop beyond a compliance and check list-based methodology towards assessing the judgment and independence of individuals whom it regulates as auditors, and the internal processes of the firms in this area.

☐ There must be a tougher regime towards those who get it wrong. The present regime — both audit regulation and financial reporting regulation through the Financial Reporting Review Panel — is too much rule-driven. Have you complied or have you not? This is, of course, easy territory — one is either guilty or not of breaking a rule. But it ignores the far more difficult area of proper judgment. It must be extended into this area with serious penalties for those found wanting.

The author is chairman of KPMG's accounting committee

Coopers ought to take it on the chin

IF YOU had fancied a bet on the outcome of a court judgment, you would have got pretty long odds on the profession's disciplinary body winning against Coopers & Lybrand. It is a shame no odds were offered. Astute souls who bet on the unfashionable idea that the regulators should defeat one of the largest accounting firms would have cleaned up.

After the débâcle of Price Waterhouse stopping the JDS, the profession's joint-disciplinary body, from investigating its auditing of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) either before or during the other court cases it faces over the bank's collapse, the Coopers case had been expected to go the same way. After all, it was a similar corporate collapse with a similar high profile — in this case Coopers' auditing of the Maxwell pension funds.

However, when the full judgment arrived, somewhat unexpectedly just before Christmas, it was clear on the Price Waterhouse comparison and remarkably frank about the scale of the case against the partners at Coopers who carried out the Maxwell audit.



ROBERT BRUCE

First the Price Waterhouse case. The judgment included a specific schedule covering this. Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Kay drew a distinction between the "open-ended nature" of the BCCI inquiry and the Maxwell case.

In the BCCI case "there was no allegation of misconduct", whereas in the Maxwell case "serious allegations are made". The BCCI case "might destroy the appellants' business". However, in the Maxwell case "there is no evidence that the litigation poses that threat". The schedule concludes: "In short, the court took the view that, on its facts, there was little public interest in the pursuit of the disciplinary proceedings, and a real risk of serious prejudice to the civil proceedings were they not stayed, and we, on our facts, took a diametrically opposite view to theirs on each side of the balance."

That disposes neatly of the Price Waterhouse parallels, which was important because at least three other firms facing disciplinary inquiries were waiting for the Coopers result before having a go themselves at gagging the profession's own efforts to discover whether their auditing had been up to snuff or not.

However, the real importance of this judgment is that it thunderously emphasises the importance of the ability of the JDS to investigate promptly and effectively. And it underlines the seriousness of the Maxwell affair for Coopers and its partners. There had been real concern that the profession was being rendered impotent to deal with alleged miscreants within its ranks.

After the Price Waterhouse judgment, there were obvious fears that the profession would find its critics on one side baying for justice to be seen to be done in public-interest cases. And on the other side, the firms under investigation would be investing heavily in lawyers and ensuring that the JDS could not investigate anything until decades after the events had happened.

This judgment should put an end to that. "And where there is public concern," it stated, "there is an obvious need for that concern to be met with all speed consistent with justice. If the disciplinary proceedings designed to address that concern are stayed pending resolution of the civil proceedings, we are doubtful whether that public concern will often be met when it has to await prior resolution of those civil proceedings."

The revelations about the investigation itself are breathtaking. Coopers had said in its original affidavit that it faced "potential civil claims amounting approximately to a sum of £411 million (ignoring interest and costs)" and that the inquiry would "impose intolerable strains on the few individuals within Coopers who were actually involved in the relevant audits".

The judgment dismisses such fatuous nonsense with all the ease of a well-timed cover drive. "Given the nature of the allegations against them, we accept without hesitation the strains that are on them," the judgment states. "But these strains must be greatly reduced by the fact that they have the support of their employers (and of their considerable resources) in all of this."

Coopers has until the middle of next month to decide whether to appeal against the decision. But it is clear from the judgment that the best thing it could do would be to allow the profession to investigate its auditing of the Maxwell pension funds, and to accept any punishment if it has transgressed. That would be the professional approach. Far better than trying to weasel it out, abetted by lawyers.

Publish and be damned

LAST week's conference of the English ICA council was behind closed doors. And if some council members had got their way, much of the business would have stayed there. In particular the excellent report on the future of regulation by a working party led by Chris Swinson of Stoy Hayward. This recommends setting up an independent body to deal with public interest cases and washes some dirty linen in public. One section says that "if members' unhappiness grows, the ICA will become increasingly difficult to manage". The council, which has rather too many elderly and retired folk, was against publishing. It was only at the insistence of Roger Lawson, the president, that it saw the light of day.

Getting of wisdom

EVEN so, Chris Swinson came in for much flak. "Wisdom is not the purchase of the day," he quoted at his fellow council members. And was rather surprised at people bellowing at him about quoting mottos out of his Letts diary. Given the council finally only agreed to setting up further working parties to consider the matter over the coming year, Swinson might have been tempted to sling another quotation back at them: "Be wise today; 'tis madness to defer."

Area rep

THIS year's Hogmanay was the first in 20-plus years when members of the Scots institute working in England and Wales did not have the legendary John Sclanders at their helm. He retired as secretary of the ICAS England and Wales Area at the end of December. But he will long treasure the comment a couple of years back from Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, at the annual London dinner. "Only the Scots would have the audacity to describe England and Wales as 'an area'."

Signing off

DAVID CARTER is retiring as head of KPMG's forensic accounting in March. But it has been a job well done. In the past four years he has been involved in "over £250 million of satisfactory judgments and settlements", he says. Time for pipe and slippers.

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239	248	Boddington	261	-1	4.0	14.0
198	168	Burtonwd Brwy	176		3.6	14.7
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	155		3.3	*
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54		5.5	
493	342	Fuller Sm 'A'	352		2.8	14.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	420	-2	3.9	20.8
584	452	Greene King	539		3.1	14.4
265	239	Hardy Hanson	264		4.6	*
170	135	Heavitree	150		3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3400		1.8	18.7
246	195	Mansfield	240	+7	2.4	14.7
314	256	Morlan Thwait	310	-1	2.5	15.1
545	440	Morland	463		2.9	13.9
10¼	6½	Paramount	7		3.6	
326	209	Regent Inns	326	+1	2.1	25.0
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1434¼	-37½	2.1	22.0
591	477	Scot & Newcl	500½	-½	4.4	14.3
306	215	Vaux Group	237	+1	5.2	13.4
451	324½	Wetherspoon JD	461		1.8	25.4
617	494	Whitbread	555	-2	4.3	15.1
589	433	Wolverhampton Dt	535		3.3	13.8
201	148	Yates Brost	200		2.4	15.8
535	465	Young 'A'	465		4.0	19.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

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BUILDING MATERIALS

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BUSINESS SERVICES

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CHEMICALS

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DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	105	ABI Leisr	105	..	4.8	*
317	246	Acatt	309		3.8	16.7
590	253	Adam & Harvey	590		3.3	7.4
31	21	Alexanders	21		3.8	19.5
175	111	Appleyard	111		6.5	19.6
8	3½	Asc Br Eng	4¼		1.3	33.9
578	495	BSS Group	518		4.4	18.3
25½	17	Bearing Power	22½	-½	5.6	
405	249	Blakeley Mtr	253		5.2	10.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	11.8
377	288	Brammer	352		4.8	19.6
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15		1.7	78.0
99	78	Brt Fittings	88		3.2	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	47			
57	35	Bunzl	37		8.7	*
465	245	Caffyns	260		5.4	44.0
58	24½	Cabel Plct	25¼		5.4	14.1
130	84	Central Mtr	88		5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)	41		3.5	12.6
342½	197½	Cowie	238	+1	4.8	11.8
192½	127	Dag Motors	138		5.9	15.9
663	446	Dennis	583		1.4	16.6
528	414½	Diploma	425	-1½	4.0	14.9
589	443	Electrocomponents	485	-2	2.6	19.9
175	133	Electron House	164		2.4	16.9
383	225	Ellis & Everard	261		3.8	19.1
234	201	Eurodollar	202	-2	5.3	15.6
173	106	European Mot	108		5.2	11.7
528¾	388	Evans Halshaw	388	-½	4.6	12.2
656	490¼	Farnell Elec	531		1.9	21.8
78	50	Fife Indmar	58		8.9	8.5
34	15	Gardiner	15		6.2	7.1
46	19	Glasshouse	23¼			23.9
90	80	Gowrings	73		3.4	22.2
78	59	Hallen Hldgs	72			56.3
168	122	Hartis (Philip)	166		5.2	14.8
342½	266¼	Henlys	267		3.5	14.3
191	78	Holders Tech	94	+2	8.0	10.2
138	108	ISP Ind	108		2.0	13.5
609	395	Inchcape	417		4.5	13.9
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	53	-3		12.3
184	145	Kwik-Fit	164	-1	3.0	18.8
373	291	Lex Service	316	+6	5.3	12.1
282	162	Lookers	183		4.5	12.0
20	14	Malaya Grp	15		2.1	...
9	3½	Middleton	7	-¼		
448	279	Normans	435		0.6	19.4
100	47	Northamber	92	+1	1.8	30.1
175	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	251		3.7	16.5
238	144	Perry Gp	144	-6	6.1	7.9
218	128	Quicks Group	128	-3	5.1	13.5
166	97	REA	105		4.5	34.1
5¼	2¾	Reece	2¾			
24	4	Rocs Gp	6		4.2	...
42	22½	SEP Ind	38		3.5	
44	31	TLS Range	38		3.2	15.7
265	215	Time Products	232		4.7	15.6
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168		3.9	15.7
335	242	Wholesale Ftgs	242		6.0	21.6
30¼	13¼	Wills Gp	17½		3.6	9.8
74½	39½	Wilshaw	71	-1	1.1	23.9
69	40	Wyko	61		1.0	
96	61	Young (H)	69	+1	6.5	*

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

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ELECTRICITY

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ELECTRONIC & ELECT

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ENGINEERING

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ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

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FOOD MANUFACTURERS

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HEALTHCARE

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

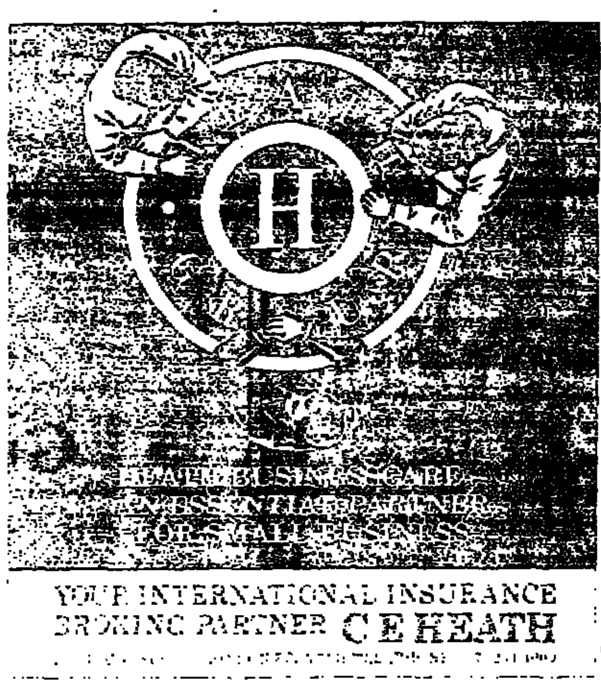
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INSURANCE

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	117	+3	3.7	...
40	25	Alexdn Sth H	32	+2		
578¼	416	Airtours	438	+3	9.4	18.9
46½	17	Ald Leis	17			
177	135	Alpha Airpts	144		3.5	...
48	38	Arcadian	40			
131	85	Baldwin	113		3.9	19.4
333	222	Barr & W 'A'	232		5.4	9.7
250	135¼	Bluebird Toys	230		3.3	6.8
365	231	Boosey Hwks	333		1.9	19.7
7¼	2¼	Brent Walker	3			
200	180	Bristol Scotts	183		2.0	...
7¼	2	Buckingham Int	2			
256	114	Chrysalis	256		1.8	37.8
94	74	City Centre Rest	80		2.8	16.2
374	305	Compass Gp	341	-5	2.5	17.5
250	232	Eurocamp	239		5.2	8.9
213	78	Euro Disney	136	+1		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
456	308	Fairline Boats	450	+2	4.4	28.3
350	245	First Leisure	290	+2	3.6	19.3
265	209½	Forte	244	-3½	3.8	28.9
207	169	Friendly Hotels	174		4.1	23.1

MEDIA

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MINING

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OIL & GAS

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OTHER FINANCIAL

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PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	510			
488	333	Cantab Pharms	333			
243	191	Celltech	236			
151	88	Chiroscience	94			
47	38	Cortecs	38			
157	107	Fisons	110	-1	3.1	
725	520	Glaxo	674	-18	5.0	16.3
122	65½	Grampian Hdg	101		6.8	18.7
187	120	Medeva	167	+1½	2.2	13.4
3	1¼	Proteus Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	253		3.2	
295	242	Scotia	290	+3		
83	44	Shield Diag	55			
473	357½	SmithKline	461	-6	3.3	18.0
444	322	Smithkline Unit	427	-12½	3.6	16.6
731	498	Wellcome	685	-14	3.2	15.6
906	672	Zeneca	862	-2	3.9	17.7

PRINTING & PAPER

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PROPERTY

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RETAILERS, FOOD

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RETAILERS, GENERAL

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SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	528	Allied Domecq	539	-6	5.3	14.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	395		3.1	21.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	117		5.3	25.7
506	374	Grand Metr	388	+4	4.6	18.1
548	421	Guinness	438	-7½	3.7	14.5
457	353	Highland Distl	426	-4	2.1	19.5
232	127	Macallan-Glen	215		0.7	66.3
710	385	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	690		1.8	28.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	547		4.1	12.6
250	81	Merydown Wt	78	-1	4.5	
180	142	Taunton Cider	154	-1	5.8	11.9

SUPPORT SERVICES

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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TEXTILES & APPAREL

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TRANSPORT

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WATER

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

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LONGS (over 15 years)

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0895 259 783				
Endowd Amer	155.20	164.30		0.38
Endowd Equity	227.60	242.10	+0.60	1.29
Endowd Euro	194.10	205.40	+0.90	0.45
Endowd Expt Bal	108.90	112.90		2.76
Endowd Gilt	71.76	73.98	+0.09	5.72
Endowd Japan	173.60	183.70	+0.70	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0203 553 231				
General Acc	518.40	549.40	+2.90	2.82
General Inc	492.30	464.40	-2.50	2.82
UK Growth Acc	347.70	369.90	-1.60	2.92
UK Growth Inc	238.00	253.20	-1.30	2.92
Higher Inc Acc	856.70	920.70	-3.20	4.08
Higher Inc Inc	379.60	403.90	-1.90	4.08
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	180.90	191.00	+0.80	6.07
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.90	92.88	+0.42	6.07
Nth American	254.10	270.40	-1.20	
Far East	332.60	352.40	-0.50	0.13
Europe	259.10	275.70	-0.50	0.93
Eur Excell	68.93	73.33	+0.41	3.12
Eur Fxdinstr Acc	98.60	104.90	+0.60	4.87
Eur Fxdinstr Inc	72.30	76.92	+0.41	4.87
Global Opps	80.45	85.59	+0.04	0.40
Balanced Acc	52.41	55.76†	-0.24	3.07
Balanced Inc	51.13	54.40†	-0.23	3.07
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.30	133.00†	+0.20	7.71
High Inc Equity	155.20	168.00†	+0.30	4.74
Worldwide Bond	258.30	274.10	+0.70	5.64
Capital Growth				
American Growth	270.10	289.20†	+0.10	.79
Asian Pacific	297.40	316.40	-5.30	
Assets & Earnings	249.70	265.80	+0.70	2.95
Commdty & Energy	104.30	111.00	-0.30	..
Euro Capital Inc	127.00	135.80	-0.30	.71
(Accum Units)	135.70	145.10	+0.30	.71
General	218.70	232.70	+0.30	2.34
Japan	127.60	135.70	+0.50	
Mastertrust	135.50	144.90	+0.20	1.65
UK Growth Dist	115.70	123.70		2.03
US Emerging Cos	130.70	138.60	+0.20	..
Income & Growth	367.30	390.60	+0.60	3.20
Ethical	65.57	69.76	-0.04	3.05
International	110.90	118.00	-0.40	.98
Dividend & Growth	57.95	61.65†	+0.10	4.56
Global Gwth & Sec	66.19	70.58	-0.05	2.61
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.15	£16.82		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.41	44.03	-0.13	0.70
Cash	50.22	50.22†		4.48
European	106.40	111.00	-0.20	
Exempt	938.00	£10.05†	-2.80	1.95
Extra Income #	47.25	49.70†	-0.05	6.07
Far East Emg Eon	105.50	112.20	-0.50	0.58
Fixed Interest #	22.35	23.46†	+0.04	8.81
Fund Inv Tst	167.50	176.20	-0.40	0.85
Japan	182.80	191.50	+0.90	
Latin American	49.38	51.82	-4.90	0.94
Pacific	68.16	71.81	-0.31	0.37
Property Share	80.30	83.19†	+0.18	2.16
UK Emerging Cos	60.68	63.67†	-0.14	1.95
UK Growth	42.47	45.13	+0.18	2.59
Amer World Port #	68.79	70.08†	+0.15	2.34
Ethical	59.27	62.22†		2.82
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	46.67	48.67†	+0.05	7.71
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
British Growth	66.68	70.93†	+0.12	2.72
British Income	77.54	82.49†	+0.11	3.44
Select Portfolio	82.55	87.82†	-0.53	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.41	76.83	+0.13	2.64
Income Builder Inc	65.01	70.22†	+0.21	3.02
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC P4 dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	219.60	234.70	+0.80	3.32
Capital	388.00	414.70	+0.70	1.99
Balanced	646.40	691.00†		2.88
Accumulator	711.86	712.78	+3.00	3.17
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.84	49.00	-0.03	3.63
High Income	373.60	399.30	+1.50	3.87
Equity Income	211.20	225.70†	+0.80	3.69
High Yield	228.10	243.80	+0.40	3.56
Govt Securities	32.29	34.08†	+0.18	8.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.80	146.20	-0.50	0.48
European Growth	32.94	35.09	+0.01	0.01
International	153.50	164.08	-0.10	0.20
Japan	209.40	223.90†	+0.20	0.01
Pacific	374.90	400.70†	-1.70	0.01
Secs of America	399.40	424.90†	-0.60	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	45.89	49.05	+0.02	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	493.60	527.60†	+1.70	2.42
Conv & Gilt	42.11	45.01	+0.18	5.15
Smaller Cos	160.00	171.00†	+0.10	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	152.50	163.00	+0.30	1.48
Recovery	128.20	137.00	+0.30	1.91
Met Min & Cdty	144.60	154.50	-0.30	0.77
Oseas Earnings	329.60	352.30†	+0.80	1.91
Technology	161.20	172.30	+1.30	0.01
UK Special Sits	425.10	454.40	+0.80	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Consid Our Pens	94.90	98.59		3.04
Foundtn Pesn Pens	60.02	62.35		2.28
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	67.85	72.18†	+0.84	1.94
International	61.13	65.03†	-1.05	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
America	274.10	294.40	+2.70	
Bond	107.30	113.00†	-0.50	7.35
Brit Smllr Cos	93.93	98.93†	-0.07	1.50
Conv & Gen #	64.26	68.30	+0.40	5.47
Europe	211.40	225.30	+0.50	0.51
Euro Smll Cos	96.48	102.60	-0.50	0.62
Income Gwth	335.30	357.80	+1.40	4.43
Japan	322.60	342.70	+1.50	..
Latin American	64.86	68.96	-6.07	..
Pacific	96.16	102.30	-0.70	0.79
UK Smll Cos	50.14	53.38†		1.30
Japan Fd	729.40	751.40	+3.30	
Mngd Fd	166.50	177.00	+1.00	2.86
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	268.80	283.20		1.31
Capital Gwth	105.30	110.90		2.42
Wwide Opps	171.70	180.74		0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	326.10	341.80	+0.70	3.09
European Bd Inc	85.16	86.15†	-0.07	8.01
Exempt	70.35	75.04	+0.24	4.40
Financial	68.31	73.05†		3.13
500	426.30	456.00	+0.50	2.56
General	260.90	279.10	+0.40	2.80
Property	245.80	264.80†		8.27
Trustee	170.10	181.90†	+0.10	2.52
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†		4.80
Extra Income	111.80	119.60	+0.30	4.27
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.48	57.35†	+0.02	8.99
Income	503.30	538.30	+1.50	4.21
Income Builder	60.74	64.62	-0.06	4.96
Intl Income	58.99	62.75†	-0.11	3.74
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.70	119.20	-0.30	2.71
Leisure	116.40	124.50	-0.70	1.55
Recovery	392.30	419.60	+0.10	2.84
Smlr Cos Inc	42.10	45.15	+0.18	1.96
Special Sits	263.10	281.40	-0.20	1.55
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.80	128.20	+0.20	0.76
Aust Acc	234.60	249.60	+1.50	2.44
Aust Inc	144.30	153.60†	-1.0	2.44
Euro Gwth Inc	144.20	152.90	-0.60	0.64
(Accum Units)	154.30	163.70	+0.70	0.84
Japan & Gen Inc	181.30	190.90	+1.20	
(Accum Units)	192.40	193.10	+1.30	
Japan Spec Sits	83.47	88.42	+0.70	
Univ Tech Inc	76.42	81.21	+0.13	0.13
Worldwide	160.20	170.10†	-0.20	0.78
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 658 9002				
American Growth	88.57	94.10	-0.29	
Amer Smlls Cos	124.00	133.00	+1.10	
Convertibles	53.40	57.11†	-0.02	5.70
Eastern	242.50	262.20	-3.60	0.10
Equity Income	84.52	89.91	+0.37	4.92
European Growth	280.40	297.50	+0.80	1.00
Europe	306.60	321.60†	-0.10	0.20
German Growth	70.04	74.20	-0.46	0.50
Global Bond	61.20	64.45	+0.02	6.40
Global Growth	118.10	125.90	-0.10	
Japan Growth	202.80	216.30	+1.10	
Japan Sunrise	178.80	190.40	-0.70	
Korea Trust	76.48	86.18	+0.59	
Portfolio	124.50	132.20	+0.10	1.80
(Accum Units)	227.00	242.90	+0.10	1.80
UK Growth	80.08	85.19	+0.41	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	82.79	88.54	-0.18	1.80
Select Managers	70.57	75.66	-0.06	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	73.49	78.18		
Special Oppor Inc	52.01	55.33		
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 071 398 6441				
Special Sits	167.20	178.80	-0.50	1.57
Cautious	82.32	88.04	-0.25	3.92
Intl Gth & Inc	202.30	218.10†	+1.20	3.19
UK & Gen	42.56	45.52	-0.04	1.94
Fund of Funds	60.65	64.87	-0.25	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 041 225 6030				
Balanced Growth	100.10	105.93	-0.16	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.52	119.07	-0.18	1.97
Smaller Cos	99.56	105.36	-0.03	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.04	44.49†	+0.06	4.89
American Gth Inc	70.16	74.25	-0.53	
European Growth	129.07	136.52	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	131.56	139.21	-0.10	
Global Bond Inc #	35.65	36.61†		7.63
Mngd Portfo Inc	40.18	42.50	+0.04	1.60
(Accum Units)	40.75	43.10	+0.04	1.60
Int Spec Opps	111.19	117.67	-0.82	
Pacific Gwth	119.54	126.50	-0.65	
Formerly L&C				
UK General #	70.49	74.59†	+0.10	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.18	76.38	+0.06	3.73
Japan	63.92	67.64	+0.16	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.34	94.22†	+0.18	7.53
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 490 7216				
Shen Dawe Gilt	64.31	65.15	-0.01	6.32
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Eruser	146.30	155.90†	-0.10	1.72
UK Growth	158.50	168.70	-0.40	2.40
UK Income	126.50	134.80	-0.30	4.40
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	179.60	190.49	-0.50	2.08
-do- Income Dist	104.30	110.40	-0.40	4.53
(Accum Units)	314.40	333.30	+1.40	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Inc	39.12	41.49	-0.21	6.56
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5962				
American & Gen	143.00	152.20	-0.60	
European Inc	73.93	78.14	-0.38	0.61
Smaller Cos	76.34	81.05	-0.01	3.01
Growth	395.90	424.00	+0.60	2.48
Income & Growth	385.00	410.60	-2.40	4.81
(Accum Units)	542.10	576.90	-3.40	4.81
Japan & Gen	73.94	78.90	-0.57	
Master Portfolio	699.05	£01.37†	+17.00	2.05
(Accum Units)	£17.00	£21.56	+20.00	2.05
Special Sits	93.36	96.13†	+0.19	2.51
High Yield	£12.55	£12.78	-7.00	4.60
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 506 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.97	84.24†	+0.24	2.36
[illegible] Portfolio	85.79	91.41†	+0.04	1.27

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	91.92	98.04	-0.08	0.81
Japanese Portfolio	66.24	70.33†	+0.45	
Pacific Portfolio	132.53	142.51†	-0.73	0.71
UK Inc & Growth	72.32	78.27	-0.31	3.40
Utility & Bond	54.29	54.90	+0.32	7.01
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.10		4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45		9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	60.66	64.55†	-0.20	3.08
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	636.32	640.19		4.86
Accum	127.23	127.23		
Inc	119.50	119.75		9.69
(Accum Units)	185.16	185.45		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	117.30	128.11†		
UK Income	102.86	113.14†		5.31
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Bockman Intl	72.62	76.96	-0.73	1.57
Back Bio-Tech	23.12	25.65†		
Accro Emrcal Tst	144.86	152.48†		1.06
City Fin Acorn	64.93	69.07		1.30
City Fin America	80.61	84.85	+0.34	
City Fin Intl	79.06	78.90	-1.36	0.96
City Fin Japan	168.52	177.39	-0.49	
Friars Hse Cap	259.72	290.74†		1.96
Friars Hse Inc	188.0	200.0		4.13
Bockley Wrld Grn	122.81	130.65	-3.97	0.09
Fairmont Cap Gth	132.79	141.27		
Fairmount Inc	145.76	155.09		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	50.88	54.13†		4.44
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 711 0771 Admin. 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.12	55.30	-1.25	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.20	56.90	+0.14	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.47	36.67	+0.10	0.36
Dragon Growth	62.97	67.53	+0.02	0.46
Equity High Inc	78.77	83.80†	+0.48	4.10
(Accum Units)	105.92	112.68	-0.64	4.10
European Gwth	47.89	50.95	+0.17	0.88
Evergreen	26.99	28.87	-0.08	
General Equity	79.47	84.32	-0.46	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.57	24.90†	+0.13	8.65
Japan Growth	52.69	55.71	-0.27	
Pedigree Gwth	48.91	51.02	-0.21	2.73
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	29.07	30.93	+0.02	1.21
(Accum Units)	30.21	32.14	+0.02	1.21
Retirement Inc #	24.83	26.42	+0.13	6.00
Special Sits	36.08	38.38	+0.11	2.08
UK & Overseas	45.47	48.37	+0.12	1.34
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 898 000				
Capital	63.67	68.09	-0.43	2.34
Income	57.69	61.70	-0.46	4.28
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.60	159.15	+0.90	5.63
Fixed & Convertable	38.54	41.00†	+0.05	7.46
Monthly Inc Plus	47.01	50.01	+0.05	8.96
Preference Share	45.55	48.46†	-0.04	7.63
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.56	124.00†	+0.77	7.52
Managed Fund	64.35	68.46	+0.33	3.08
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.23	39.61		1.71
(Accum Units)	42.59	45.31		1.71
UK & General	73.98	78.70	+0.46	2.82
(Accum Units)	92.59	98.50	+0.56	2.82
UK Growth	133.03	141.52	+0.80	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.22	193.85	+0.84	0.26
Far Eastern Gwth	125.71	133.73	-0.41	
Global Bond	74.62	79.30	+0.21	6.39
Japan Growth	122.77	130.61	-0.14	
North Amer Gth	156.10	166.06	-0.16	
Oriental Growth	69.16	73.57	-0.64	
Worldwide Growth	61.82	65.67	+0.24	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.52	92.52	-0.01	5.18
Homeowner Fund	72.97	77.03	-0.22	1.95
Quilter Fund	121.89	129.67	-0.20	3.02
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.97	58.47†	+0.33	3.30
(Accum Units)	59.54	63.33	+0.36	3.30
High Income	32.15	34.20	+0.17	4.90
Japan	36.21	38.52	+0.29	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.18	31.04†	-0.01	2.50
Smaller Cos	30.60	32.47	-0.01	2.50
North American	31.12	33.10	+0.03	0.60
European	35.42	37.68	+0.10	0.80
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.75	31.69		3.39
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	137.00	145.80	+0.90	2.05
Income	68.63	73.02	+0.52	5.06
European	58.48	62.20†	+0.27	1.18
Recovery	146.80	156.00	+1.10	2.02
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	776.20	788.30†		3.82
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.20	72.55	-0.04	1.35
Income #	224.60	238.90	+1.00	4.87
(Accum Units) #	553.10	588.30	+2.30	4.87
Smaller Cos	148.50	157.90†		0.61
(Accum Units)	181.50	193.00†		0.61
Inv Portfolio	74.65	78.77	-0.12	1.52
High Inc Port #	66.12	68.27	+0.06	5.01
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.93	£15.30†		
Japan Small Cos	£12.38	£12.61†		
UK Small Cos	£17.03	£17.78†		
US Small Cos	£15.44	£15.67		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	203.20	213.80†	..	2.65
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	258.40	273.20	+2.60	1.02
New Asia	193.80	206.10	-2.70	0.16
Japan Growth	121.00	128.70	+0.70	
Jap Smlls Co	495.10	526.40	-3.10	
Nth Amer	247.60	262.50	-0.20	0.90
Shlrd Asia Pac Mt	108.40	114.50	-1.00	0.39
UK Inc & Gth	200.40	214.10	+0.60	3.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.00	140.40†	+0.30	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	140.50	149.50	+0.20	4.82
(Accum Units)	179.90	191.40	+0.30	4.82
UK Prof & F I Inc	55.37	58.77†	+0.07	5.33
Emergmkt Opps	80.10	85.21	-0.21	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	115.30	122.20	-0.40	1.43
Convertibles #	19.79	21.03†	+0.03	6.66
Equity Income #	120.00	127.50†	+1.00	4.16
EuroFund	42.98	45.62†	+0.14	0.44
Financial	41.65	44.25	+0.16	1.69
Growth & Inc #	222.30	236.20	+1.90	3.26
High Dist #	145.80	154.90	+1.50	4.84
International	359.40	381.90	-1.90	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	87.86	93.79	-0.12	2.93
Latin American	28.24	30.01	-2.43	
Pacific	76.37	81.14	-0.19	
Preference Share	21.71	23.07†	+0.14	7.15
Tokyo	228.90	243.20	+0.90	
UK Smaller Cos	215.20	228.60		1.20
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	202.11	215.78	-1.26	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	191.40	203.60		3.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0296 431 480				
European	75.81	73.59	-0.17	1.66
Ethical Tst	42.62	44.88†	-0.02	1.25
Far Eastern	284.26	299.32		2.01
High Income	124.33	130.87	-0.56	4.94
Intl Growth	113.96	119.86	-0.70	1.39
North American	103.39	108.83	-0.36	1.34
Pelican	110.46	116.27	-0.22	3.29
Smaller Cos	66.32	69.81†	-0.06	2.54
Special Sits	83.76	88.17	-0.87	2.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	174.80	184.00	-0.23	1.57
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.24	205.46	-0.13	1.43
Smaller Cos Acc	345.14	359.52	-0.21	1.43
Recovery	50.73	52.84†	-0.05	1.34
Recovery Acc	51.27	53.41†	-0.05	1.34
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.45	113.24	+0.35	6.14
Capital Growth	75.97	81.47	-0.32	
Fd of Inv Tsts	42.31	45.18†	-0.17	0.64
High Income #	41.26	44.22†	-0.07	10.40
Warrant	51.51	55.94	-0.64	
Zero Preference	36.15	38.36†		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 0273 320 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.72	77.36†	+0.028	2.54
Family Income Tst	45.39	45.39†	+0.030	6.14
Family Trust	79.43	84.50†	-0.01	1.20
United Charities	250.50	266.50	+0.300	3.39
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.50
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.13	26.23†	+0.01	7.97
Intl Bond	27.05	28.05	-0.02	5.51
Income Funds				
High Income	24.34	25.61†	+0.03	5.17
Income Plus	106.30	113.10†	-0.60	4.30
Amer Eq Inc	44.72	47.43	-0.12	1.54
European Income	40.09	42.63	-0.08	1.90
Far East Inc	59.78	63.63	-0.13	2.16
Global Convertible	22.01	23.48†	-0.04	3.78
UK Div Gth	23.02	24.48	+0.09	1.88
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.60	62.51	-0.43	..
American	228.30	242.10	-1.40	
Amer Spec Sits	109.20	116.50	-0.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.48	43.18	+0.28	...
European	161.20	171.40	-0.60	
European Opps	59.88	63.67	-0.04	
Global Ptfo	23.19	24.69	-0.04	1.17
UK Growth	84.86	90.23	+0.22	
Growth & Inc	132.20	140.60†	-0.30	2.54
Intl PEP	34.87	37.08	-0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	92.29	98.25	+0.39	
Japan	196.30	209.20	+1.00	
Managed Intl	262.50	279.70	+1.00	
Moneybuilder	50.40	53.59	+0.04	
Recovery	45.51	48.39	-0.03	
South E Asia	129.10	137.80	-1.80	
Special Sits	473.70	510.10	+0.70	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.76	107.76	-0.01	5.50
FLEMINGS PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 071 814 2700				
Balanced #	123.80	132.80	-2.0	1.60
Inc Ptflo #	81.33	82.93†	-0.21	4.03
Cap Ptflo	135.30	137.70†	-0.10	0.75
General Opps	115.90	118.10	-0.40	3.56
Growth Inc	28.85	29.48	+0.04	1.81
Private Portfolio	380.90	338.90	-2.0	1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	106.00	112.60	+0.20	0.55
Emrg Asian	154.90	165.70	-0.10	
High Income	20.81	22.11†	+0.08	10.18
Oseas Income	86.47	92.34†	+0.13	3.16

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	101.70	108.90†	+0.50	1.72
UK Income	93.94	100.17	-0.80	4.32
US Smaller Cos	287.60	307.60	-1.10	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.95	48.53†	-0.15	3.37
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.55	75.71	-0.17	4.29
Intl Growth	67.02	71.47		1.11
Investment Trust	85.32	89.75	-0.26	
UK Smaller Cos	77.16	81.14†	-1.02	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	53.79	56.73	-2.29	
(Accum Units)	52.79	56.22	-0.29	
Amer Smllr Cos	444.40	475.20	-3.30	
(Accum Units)	454.50	485.50	+2.50	
Capital Tst	199.30	212.20	-0.30	1.61
(Accum Units)	426.00	453.00	-0.40	1.61
Cont Smllr Cos	56.06	59.99	-0.10	0.68
(Accum Units)	59.54	63.09	-0.14	0.68
Convertible	121.80	129.50†	-0.29	5.97
(Accum Units)	246.38	262.00†	-0.30	5.97
Emerging Markets	66.14	70.66†	-1.87	
(Accum Units)	66.25	70.72†	-1.87	
European	111.30	119.40	-0.20	0.15
(Accum Units)	116.60	124.90	-0.10	0.16
Extra Income	315.50	335.70	+1.20	4.02
(Accum Units)	466.60	495.20	+1.70	4.02
Financial	113.60	122.30	-0.20	0.32
(Accum Units)	119.70	129.60	-0.29	0.39
Gilt Trust	59.99	61.86	+0.02	6.37
(Accum Units)	83.76	86.33	-0.03	6.37
Health Fund Inc	123.20	131.60	+0.70	
(Accum Units)	123.20	131.60	+0.70	
Income & Growth	181.30	192.90†	+1.02	3.22
(Accum Units)	273.60	291.20†	+1.40	3.92
Intl Growth	343.86	368.30	+0.70	
(Accum Units)	391.80	409.00	-0.80	
Japan & Gen	178.25	190.70	-1.00	
(Accum Units)	178.30	190.70	+1.00	
Managed Port Inc	98.15	104.40		0.46
(Accum Units)	105.20	112.70		0.46
Monthly Income	155.20	166.10†		4.92
Quarterly Income	50.39	53.59	+0.07	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.59	57.00	-0.07	4.78
Recovery	325.40	347.80	-0.80	0.13
(Accum Units)	383.10	409.50	-0.90	0.13
UK Growth	50.77	54.21	+0.19	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.51	56.08	+0.20	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	360.80	393.80	-1.00	2.70
-do- Accum	781.50	810.10	+2.00	2.70
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.50	144.10	-0.20	0.28
-do- Accum	141.20	150.20	-0.20	0.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.40	134.63†	-0.60	7.06
-do- Accum	233.50	246.70†	+1.10	7.06
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.06	92.61†	-0.30	0.61
-do- Accum	91.04	96.86†	-0.31	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	175.60	186.20†	-1.00	1.19
-do- Accum	193.80	205.20†	-1.00	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	295.60	314.40†	-0.60	0.15
-do- Accum	301.50	320.70†	-0.70	0.15
FP Income	51.07	54.47†	-3.23	4.29
(Accum Units)	165.95	176.40	+0.89	4.29
FP Jap Smllr Cos	37.80	39.50	-5.63	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.06	72.62	-0.07	6.71
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20	+0.10	4.86
FP Tokyo	89.08	95.01	-0.08	0.0
FP UK Growth	161.50	172.20	+0.70	2.82
(Accum Units)	312.80	333.60	+1.50	2.82
Stewardship Dist	314.50	334.50		2.04
-do- Accum	384.50	409.00	-0.10	2.04
Stwdshp Inc Dist	68.93	73.32	+0.13	3.75
-do- Accum	88.87	94.54	+0.17	3.79
N Am Stshp Dist	93.03	98.96†	-0.07	0.72
-do- Accum	98.99	105.20†		0.73
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.40	110.00	-0.40	0.76
Open Cas Gth Acc	105.20	111.90	-0.40	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.83	106.20	-0.40	1.78
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.50	107.90	-0.50	1.78
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	102.30	108.90	-0.30	1.77
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.90	110.50	-0.30	1.77
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.50	45.21	-0.16	1.22
Australian	312.00	334.70	-5.10	0.0
Conscience	66.77	71.25	+0.05	0.84
European	191.90	204.10	+0.50	0.82
(Accum Units)	207.60	220.80	+0.60	0.82
Gilt & FI	55.38	58.57	-0.31	6.58
Gold	47.07	50.81	-0.14	0.9
Inst	30.51	32.56	-0.04	0.92
(Accum Units)	44.25	47.22	-0.05	0.92
Sing & Malaysian	234.80	251.70	-1.00	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.59	30.74	-0.04	1.14
Special Sits	34.21	36.78	+0.01	1.84
US Smaller Cos	104.70	111.90		0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	223.50	236.40	+0.30	2.57
Cash	49.61	50.35		4.01
Growth Portfolio	73.48	77.89	-0.84	1.04
Income Portfolio	60.40	63.87	-0.19	4.65
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	174.50	186.58	+0.70	
European	531.80	567.30	+1.10	0.48
Far East & Gen	255.10	272.90†	+1.00	
Germany	112.60	119.30	-0.10	
Income Inc	142.90	152.90	-0.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	151.30	161.90	-0.10	4.74
International	315.80	337.60	-0.50	0.21
Intl Income	74.95	79.59†	-0.03	4.40
Japan & General	401.40	425.90	+0.90	
Korean Securities	64.42	68.90	-1.32	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	44.45	47.54†	+0.02	5.05
UK Capital (Inc)	157.80	168.80	+0.20	1.12
UK Spec Sits	79.30	84.82	+0.05	0.72
US & General	127.80	135.40	+0.20	
Wwide Spec Sits	145.50	155.50	-0.20	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.71	47.78	+0.12	2.45
Cash Trust	136.02	136.02†	+0.01	5.49
Practical Inv Inc #	109.32	116.92	-0.04	3.52
(Accum Units) #	248.54	265.82	-0.11	3.52
UK Index	139.91	142.18	+0.67	3.24
UK Smaller Cos	114.86	122.84	+0.01	1.18
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.25	27.01	+0.04	9.18
High Income	31.88	34.10	+0.16	5.25
UK Equity Income	130.54	139.82	+0.52	3.53
Global Bond	27.06	28.08†	+0.11	5.35
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.54	48.71	-1.84	
Global Inc & Gth	125.59	134.68	+0.03	2.07
Gold & Intl Res	107.89	114.53	-1.42	
Global Utilities	129.22	132.09†	-0.68	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	135.87	144.92	+0.23	0.99
European	94.44	100.17	+0.32	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	135.43	144.01	+0.23	
Amer Emerging	92.89	99.35†	-0.33	
Hong Kong	113.80	122.35	-2.20	1.86
Japan	247.67	262.15	+1.45	
Pacific Growth	199.94	213.84	-2.02	1.49
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	204.14	204.14†	+0.41	2.11
Long Term Bal	222.15	222.15†	+0.44	2.89
Med Term Bal	188.34	188.34†	+0.49	3.44
UK Equity	228.84	228.84	+0.85	2.65
UK Emerging Cos	135.53	135.53†	+0.03	2.29
American	220.69	220.69	+0.52	1.37
Japan	129.96	129.96	+1.38	
European	244.17	244.17	+0.89	1.07
Index Linked Gilt	163.34	163.34†	-0.26	2.69
Fixed Interest	151.46	151.46	+0.95	6.95
Amer Emergos	243.95	243.95	-0.02	
Pacific	217.07	217.07†	-2.05	0.91
Emerging Mkts	128.74	128.74	-7.27	0.82
Index Stks Japan	154.09	154.09	+0.06	0.24
-do- Pacific Rim	161.79	161.79	-8.45	1.36
-do- Cont Europe	141.66	141.66	-0.52	1.80
Index Stks USA	125.92	125.92	-0.89	2.35
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.42	102.57	+1.98	
Med Term Bal	89.59	85.31	+0.25	
Long Term Bal	100.01	108.39	+0.21	
UK Equity	105.83	112.58	+0.41	
UK Emerging Cos	83.51	87.57	+0.02	
American	102.33	108.86	+0.26	
Japan	62.40	66.38	+0.70	
European	101.74	108.23	+0.39	
Fixed Interest	76.62	81.51	+0.51	
Index Linked Gilt	72.42	77.04	-0.12	
Deposit	79.72	84.81	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	113.70	121.00†	-0.80	
Berkeley Income	105.80	112.60†		2.18
BWH Intl	132.33	139.29	-0.64	0.61
Bzpd Gth Port Inc	58.17	61.39	-0.22	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.41	57.43	-0.14	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	51.17	54.01	-0.19	0.50
Shaw Utilities	58.22	61.45	+0.06	2.75
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	520.73	553.97		1.50
(Accum Units)	578.11	615.01†		1.50
European Inc	135.71	144.37†		0.87
Analogue Inc	141.66	149.98		
N America Inc	312.21	332.14		
Far East Inc	347.10	369.26		
(Accum Units)	359.49	382.44		
UK Dvrs Inc	168.96	179.74		1.39
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7688				
UK Equity Inc	84.18	88.63†	-0.15	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.84	49.03	-0.13	1.01
British Growth	50.03	52.84	-0.13	2.57
American Gwth	160.68	171.85	-3.20	
Japan Gwth	78.37	83.82	+0.57	
Greater China	179.65	192.13	-1.89	
Pacific Strategy	157.91	168.89	+0.66	
European Gwth	81.25	86.90	-0.09	0.29
Intl Growth	137.55	147.12†	+0.86	
US Index (£)	12.89	13.56	+0.03	4.80
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.67	75.90	+0.07	2.28
Monthly Income	36.09	38.52†	-0.04	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gtd UK Index (£)	9.88	10.41	+0.13	2.80
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	86.29	91.80		1.28
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 071 538 9668				
Cash	137.70	137.70		5.04
European	457.30	488.50†	-0.30	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	123.80	131.40	+0.80	5.34
Growth Equity	312.90	334.20	+1.30	1.96
Income Trust	122.90	131.30†	+0.30	3.01
International	172.50	184.20	-1.30	
Japan Trust	131.30	140.20	-0.80	
Nth American	246.40	263.20	-0.10	0.16
Pacific	507.50	542.50	-3.40	
Guardhill	464.10	495.80	-2.40	1.56
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 071 522 2129				
EMU Tst	97.18	100.84		6.56
Global High Inc	96.98	100.84	-0.15	6.75
Prem Fixed Int	98.55	102.30†	-0.06	8.52
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.54	103.71†	-0.11	5.18
European Growth	97.73	103.91	+0.03	
Intl PEP Trust	56.82	60.41	-0.35	...
High Income	115.03	122.30	-1.85	4.26
-do- Accum	157.35	167.30	-2.53	4.26
Recovery	360.00	382.80	-0.20	1.62
(Accum Units)	413.20	439.30	-0.30	1.62
S Vlog High Inc	118.28	120.05	-3.12	7.31
Tmp Bar Emer Co	237.60	252.70	-0.10	1.48
Tmp Bt Sml Co In	352.20	358.40†	-0.40	2.05
Glob Priv Tst	89.24	94.86	-0.30	1.53
(Accum Units)	90.07	95.76	-0.32	1.53
Inc Share Tst	87.50	93.04	-0.17	8.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 380				
Modal Pfolio	189.70	201.30	-1.10	2.71
Smaller Cos	31.75	33.78	-0.01	0.66
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.04	296.42	-0.01	1.26
Best of British	60.50	64.39	+0.31	2.74
UK Smaller Cos	118.78	127.67	+0.35	1.50
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	261.77	278.77†	+1.32	3.63
(Accum Units)	703.67	749.37	+3.56	3.63
High Income #	305.59	326.66	+0.73	4.11
Extra Income #	265.94	282.82†	+0.89	5.98
Pref & Gilt	45.53	48.94	+0.15	8.89
International	258.31	273.31	-0.70	0.47
Global Bond	50.97	54.22†	+3.03	6.07
Family of Funds	77.99	83.40†	-0.18	0.14

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Tech	149.71	159.10	-0.61	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	162.56	174.62†	-0.53	0.29
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	0.28
European Income	77.42	81.36	-1.06	2.73
Euro Smll Cos	144.25	152.26	-0.27	0.07
Gold	57.48	[illegible]		0.04
(Accum Units)	72.39	76.59		5.04
Japan Trust	229.53	247.18†	-1.11	
Japan Special Sits	[illegible]	297.98	+0.06	
Pacific Smll Cos	249.94	264.80	-2.06	
North American	124.10	128.77†	-0.27	0.55
American Smaller	100.20	107.20	-0.99	
Henderson Intl Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	53.32	56.57	-0.45	
Eur Sml Cos	58.16	61.64	-3.01	
General Growth	47.29	49.76	-0.20	
Global Tech	59.56	62.07	-0.25	
Income Growth	40.77	42.79	-0.19	
Japan Growth	27.66	29.32	-0.17	
Smaller Cos	21.15	22.46		
Special Opps	26.27	29.92	-0.07	
Pacific Sm Cos	46.02	49.52	-3.12	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	92.57	99.09	-0.18	1.91
Capital	164.90	175.50	-0.50	1.51
Dollar	325.50	348.50	-1.70	0.12
Enterprise Gth	213.90	225.53	-1.86	1.79
European	214.00	229.89	-0.70	0.02
Far East	296.60	317.20†	-0.60	0.02
Financial	751.22	802.45	-0.70	1.43
Gilt & Fixed Int Inc	24.64	25.61		7.70
High Yield	92.08	105.60†	-0.20	4.13
Income & Growth	135.30	144.70	-0.50	3.49
International	242.09	259.62	-0.13	
Japanese General	211.40	225.00†	-0.60	
Japan Tech	85.96	91.96†	-0.19	
Nat Resources	70.74	75.71	-0.07	
Portfolio	69.02	75.62	-0.11	1.44
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.06		1.46
Special Sits	145.00	152.30		1.61
UK Emerging Cos	88.27	94.40	+0.17	0.73
US Smaller Cos	79.74	84.92	-0.71	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Adviser: 0800 161 220 Inv: 0800 289 525				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.39	101.60†	-0.20	6.11
Capital	553.50	589.70	-2.10	2.54
Income #	525.60	571.60	-2.60	4.33
Freestyle Fund	50.35	55.25†	-0.30	2.62
Trad Index	164.40	117.40	-1.73	2.02
UK Index	130.70	139.50†	-0.50	3.21
International Funds				
American Growth	470.60	502.70	-2.70	0.63
American Index	190.40	200.07	-0.36	1.25
European Growth	105.42	113.40†	-0.30	0.02
Eurotrack 100	149.30	158.90	-0.40	0.89
Global Bond	26.82	28.94†	-0.24	5.77
Japan Growth	255.30	264.20	-1.9	
Japan Index	81.51	86.99	-0.74	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	36.36	38.90	-0.53	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	42.47	45.88†	-0.52	0.21
Hong Kong Gwth	51.60	57.09	-2.15	1.15
Spore & Mlysn Gth	68.44	74.16	-0.45	
Tiger Index	186.50	199.00	-2.80	0.23
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.50	29.99	-0.01	1.95
General Funds				
Managed	68.59	71.15	-0.19	2.46
Parent Child Fnd	80.27	83.27	-0.52	2.48
UK Growth	56.24	58.37	-0.50	2.46
High Income Funds				
Cashflow (Dist)	50.66	50.66		4.73
Cashflow (Acc)	55.84	55.84		4.73
UK Extra Inc	82.95	85.10	+0.36	5.67
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.40	26.38†	+0.04	6.04
UK Inc & Gwth	38.16	35.61	-0.21	4.09
UK Income	319.20	330.30	+1.60	2.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.86	48.53	-0.02	0.37
Amer Smllr Cos	109.00	115.10	+0.10	
(Accum Units)	110.19	114.20		
Europe Gth	142.70	146.80	-0.30	
(Accum Units)	148.60	153.90	-0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	26.96	27.98	-0.09	
French Growth	71.86	74.59	+0.20	0.01
Accum Units	76.98	79.50	+0.21	0.01
H Kong & China	68.06	70.64†	-0.62	1.99
Intl Growth	55.16	57.22	-0.06	0.63
(Accum Units)	55.65	57.76	-0.03	0.63
Japan Gth	35.19	35.52	+0.28	
Accum Units	35.19	36.52	+0.28	
Japan Smaller Cos	43.42	45.06	+0.36	
Glob Emg Mkts	91.45	94.92	-3.51	
Accum Units	92.10	95.56	-3.53	
SE Asia	299.00	310.30	-2.90	0.33
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.17	52.72†	+0.09	6.06
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
American Cap	129.48	137.60	-0.30	
Income	140.92	149.71	-0.70	3.99
UK Growth	51.29	54.56†	-0.11	0.99

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
International	74.56	79.30	-0.25	0.28
Ecology	76.96	81.87	-0.29	1.31
European	115.52	122.53	-0.15	
Far Eastern	291.20	309.70	-1.60	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.54	50.57†	+0.29	7.61
Gilt Yield	111.50	117.70†	-0.60	6.80
Global Income	203.30	216.30	-0.64	4.21
High Yield	131.80	140.20†	-1.66	6.30
(Accum Units)	398.60	424.00†	-3.19	6.30
Smlr Cos Div	49.68	52.85	-0.05	2.00
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	84.83	90.24	+0.25	
North American	71.57	76.14†	-0.19	0.16
European Special	92.83	98.76	-0.06	0.15
European	146.10	155.40†	-0.40	0.39
(Accum Units)	191.90	204.10†	-0.80	0.39
General	259.20	275.70†	-2.30	3.29
Japan	425.10	452.20	-1.30	
Japanese Special	247.70	263.50	-2.20	
Master Accum	228.00	242.00	-1.80	0.57
Pacific	319.80	340.20	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	375.10	399.00	-0.30	
Smaller Cos	105.20	111.90†	-0.10	0.61
UK Equity Growth	37.88	40.30	+0.33	1.67
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 071 629 1880				
Global Inc & Gth	59.13	62.90	-0.11	
Inv Trust	63.97	68.05	-0.34	
Cadbout Inc/Gth	55.72	59.27	-0.07	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.74	57.16	-0.10	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 588 2800				
Income	565.30	576.80		5.35
Intl & General	399.20	406.30		0.07
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 071 407 5966				
Budge Income	251.14	267.17	-1.34	5.67
Inc & Growth Inc	53.59	57.01†	-0.19	4.61
Smaller Cos	53.71	57.14	+0.05	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	232.90	247.70†	-0.50	2.20
High Income	103.30	109.80†	-0.60	4.40
International	94.30	100.30	-0.26	0.11
Recovery Trust	59.89	63.71	+0.26	1.60
European Trust	78.05	83.05	-0.07	1.05
Japanese Trust	44.29	47.10	-0.18	
American Trust	81.46	86.65	-0.21	
Managed	64.47	68.58	-0.01	0.55
Cash	51.19	51.19		4.04
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 374 0818				
UK Cap	343.80	349.80		2.53
UK Inc/Gth	369.70	375.30		3.45
UK Income	357.60	362.30		4.41
UK Sm Cos	228.40	227.40		2.00
Euro Gwth	119.90	120.70		
N Amer Gwth	75.97	76.77		0.12
Japan Growth	66.82	67.53		
Money Mkt	121.67	121.67	-0.275	1.520
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 385				
Equity Dist	451.20	480.00	-1.80	2.73
(Accum Units)	887.60	944.30	-3.80	2.73
Equity Income	93.21	99.18†	-0.38	4.12
UK Tactical Allocn	53.68	57.00†	-0.54	3.12
European	109.00	116.60	-0.20	1.66
Far Eastern	223.10	237.30	-0.70	
Fixed Interest	49.59	52.78†	-0.19	6.94
Gilt	85.68	90.86	-0.47	7.02
Global Growth	73.97	78.69†	-0.15	0.10
Intl Bond	50.16	53.26	+0.02	5.29
Japanese	76.85	81.76	-0.56	
North American	139.50	148.40	-0.50	1.06
Pacific Growth	104.80	111.50	-1.00	0.14
UK Index	59.57	62.87	-0.07	3.22
UK Recovery	87.47	93.05	+0.10	1.73
UK Smaller Cos	117.00	124.50†	-3.10	1.53
US Index	56.75	59.89†	+0.04	1.80
European Index	70.33	74.23	-0.13	1.62
Japan Index	42.58	44.94	-0.40	
Worldwide	80.87	86.03†	-0.06	1.49
LINCOLN NATIONAL 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	47.94	51.27†	-0.27	1.99
Income	56.28	60.19†	-0.25	2.91
Far East	52.80	56.47	-0.06	
North American	87.70	93.80	-0.42	
Global	88.10	94.22	-0.39	0.17
European	82.75	88.50	-0.01	0.33
Japan	110.40	119.10	-0.30	
Intl Currency Bd	55.59	58.98	-0.07	5.07
SE Asia	98.01	104.80	-0.40	
UK Cap Growth	88.65	94.97	+0.11	1.35
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	327.40	348.40	-5.30	3.02
-do- Acc	744.80	792.40	+12.20	3.02
Conti Euro Gth	60.59	62.78	-0.22	0.70
-do- Acc	64.75	68.16	-0.24	0.70
Extra Inc	242.20	258.80	-0.70	4.23
-do- Acc	631.20	671.50	-1.30	4.23
German Gth	121.00	127.40	+0.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Growth Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Income Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
N American Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth Smr Co Rec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Basin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Small Cos Rec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Worldwide Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 673				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Exports	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Tst of Inv Trusts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Amer Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Australasian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Compound	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Charifund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Corporate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Euro & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Euro Div Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Extra Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Fund of Inv Tsts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Gilt Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	205.60	-0.02	
Pension Ex	562.45	594.55	-1.55	
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Second General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Trustee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	76.35	81.16	[illegible]	
Intl Bond	59.62	63.44	[illegible]	
Intl Eqty Growth	67.49	71.79	[illegible]	
N Amer Growth	69.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Special Sits Growth	20.43	21.75	[illegible]	
UK Growth	263.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	461.20	490.50	[illegible]	
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	213.36	222.60		1.50
Income #	926.30	941.69		4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	136.20	140.03		4.36
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	189.40	202.60	-0.63	2.02
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.10	173.90	-0.30	6.86
Intl Growth	200.90	214.00		0.28
North American	175.10	187.00	-0.50	0.52
Far East	250.60	268.00	-0.90	1.19
UK Smaller Cos	166.32	177.90	-0.32	2.05
European	78.08	83.10	-0.14	0.21
Japanese Growth	49.22	52.36	-0.29	
High Income	181.30	193.90	-0.72	4.66
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0244 680 066				
U K S Idx Pfolio	144.60	152.70†	-0.26	2.24
-do- Accum	166.30	175.00†	-0.36	2.24
UK Sel Pfolio	124.30	130.90†	-0.54	2.57
-do- Accum	144.50	152.10†	-0.54	2.57
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	62.48	66.47		4.06
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	67.77	71.94†	+0.91	4.56
European	76.88	81.61	-0.16	0.34
Income #	70.54	74.99	-0.62	5.68
Nth American	58.40	62.09	-0.07	0.58
Far East	164.30	174.50	-2.0	
Japan	57.66	61.13	-0.16	
Emerging Mkts	92.31	97.72	-3.37	
Intl Bond	103.20	109.60	-0.50	6.65
UK Growth	85.25	90.59	-0.15	0.82
UK Smlr Co	44.59	47.30	-0.02	0.84
Astor Opp Fc	35.60	38.07	-3.56	0.14
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Income	398.84	424.30	-2.60	4.21
Global Inc	55.71	63.90	-0.35	2.56
Bird Leisure	377.32	348.22	-2.10	2.57
Intl Leaders	191.85	204.07	-0.64	0.61
PAM Mg Bal Grth	60.54	62.90	-0.14	0.66
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	190.90	202.70	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	204.00	216.70	-0.53	
American Opps	87.43	93.26	-1.27	
(Accum Units)	88.52	94.42	-1.29	
British Blue Chip	75.21	79.91	-0.34	3.61
(Accum Units)	92.73	98.53	-0.42	3.61
Cash	191.00	191.00	[illegible]	5.11
(Accum Units)	137.30	137.30		4.77
Emerging Mkts	95.24	96.70	-2.50	0.17
(Accum Units)	99.32	106.80	-3.50	0.17
European Growth	233.70	247.40		0.19
(Accum Units)	251.90	266.80	-0.10	0.19
European Income	78.29	82.64	-0.12	3.47
(Accum Units)	105.20	111.10	-0.20	3.47
General	473.40	504.90	-4.90	2.46
(Accum Units)	922.80	983.60	-1.50	2.46
Global Bond	118.00	124.00	-0.30	5.56
(Accum Units)	142.20	149.40	-0.20	5.56
Gold & General	209.10	220.40	-2.20	0.40
(Accum Units)	224.60	236.80	-2.40	0.40
Govt Securities	87.15	89.65	-0.33	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	169.60	174.80	-0.60	[illegible]
Income	145.80	153.90	-0.40	4.54
(Accum Units)	221.60	236.90	-2.50	4.54
Inc Portfolio #	91.94	97.69	-0.30	[illegible]
(Accum Units) #	92.67	98.75	-0.30	[illegible]
Intl Opps	437.30	465.60	-1.60	0.25
(Accum Units)	583.20	621.30	-2.30	0.25
Japan	185.50	196.70	-1.30	
(Accum Units)	190.40	202.00	-1.30	
New Europe	169.50	181.10	-0.40	0.7
(Accum Units)	173.60	185.20	-0.45	0.7
Pacific	111.50	119.40	-0.86	0.85
(Accum Units)	119.80	127.89	-0.93	0.85
Recovery	278.50	297.50	-0.60	0.97
(Accum Units)	356.00	379.70	-0.80	0.97
UK Smaller Cos	54.20	57.87	-1.54	0.98
(Accum Units)	61.28	65.27	-1.95	0.98
Portfolio	76.07	80.73	-0.16	2.86
(Accum Units)	78.32	83.13	-0.16	2.86
Managed Grth	94.34	99.81	-0.10	1.92
Managed Inc	97.22	100.80	-0.20	4.45
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 0707 662 283				
Eurogrowth Fnd	108.57	115.50	+0.01	0.93
Portfolio	62.48	67.53	+0.07	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.55	76.96	-0.17	4.88
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 122 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.92	60.65	-0.11	3.38
(Accum Units)	60.94	63.81	-0.11	3.38
British Tst	80.35	84.14	+0.10	1.99
(Accum Units)	92.38	96.72	+1.28	1.99
Extra High Inc	65.23	68.30	-0.04	6.71
(Accum Units)	126.70	132.70	-0.10	6.71
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.48	53.90	-0.24	3.28
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.69	53.08	-0.22	3.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	22.32	34.59	-0.31	7.30
(Accum Units)	151.60	158.60	-0.92	7.30
High Yield	212.90	222.90	-0.20	5.75
(Accum Units)	533.30	558.40	-0.60	5.75
Income	273.50	288.51	-1.30	3.02

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	596.40	627.50	-2.70	3.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Smaller Cos	95.53	101.00	-0.59	.52
European Growth	101.79	107.60	-0.69	0.01
Mngd Executive Pension Unit Trust				
European Growth	95.36	98.91	-0.60	
Income	78.37	84.95	-0.25	3.01
Japan Growth	65.19	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Money Market	74.65	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	95.44	99.50	-0.22	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Millennium	101.4	[illegible]		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0122				
American Gwth	327.80	343.20	-1.40	
European Gwth	427.71	457.20	-2.10	0.29
(Accum Units)	433.30	461.90	-2.10	[illegible]
UK Equity Inc	175.50	187.20	-0.60	3.16
UK Inc Trust Inc	152.99	162.95	-0.40	3.25
(Accum Units)	179.70	191.10	-0.45	2.75
US Bond Fd Inc	183.25	[illegible]	-0.10	1.52
Japan Trust	186.30	201.63	-2.50	0.32
Managed Inc	149.45	159.22	-0.50	1.47
Special Sits	93.92	99.62	-3.01	1.63
Europe	108.90	115.70	+0.16	0.22
High Income	149.10	164.60		2.21
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 030 533				
American	34.21	36.41	-0.07	3.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Prem Equity	[illegible]	125.54†	-1.18	2.91
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5222				
UK Growth	71.22	75.92	-0.29	2.26
UK Income	101.50	108.00†	-0.66	4.13
Higher Income	203.60	216.40†	-1.90	5.32
Smaller Cos	76.41	81.30	-0.01	2.32
International	93.81	99.88	-0.12	1.70
NATIONAL PRGV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
American Dist	98.12	104.94†	-1.02	0.68
European Dist	112.41	119.63	-0.10	0.40
Far East Dist	174.10	186.20	-2.10	
Global Cap Dist	65.20	69.77†	-0.06	1.25
Global Eqty Dist	195.20	210.42	-1.20	0.12
(Accum Units)	113.65	118.52	-1.29	0.12
UK Dist	326.70	349.40	-1.60	2.66
(Accum Units)	640.70	685.20	-2.00	2.66
UK Emerging Dist	74.64	79.79		4.06
Wwide Dist	101.30	108.30	-0.20	
Wwide Inc Dist	67.28	71.96	+0.26	2.39
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Enq: 0277 690 260 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.77	64.10	-0.11	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	55.84	59.92†	-0.07	0.86
Gwth America Inc	47.25	49.87	-0.02	0.62
UK Equity Gth Inc	56.32	59.27	-0.12	2.11
(Accum Units)	56.29	61.51	-0.12	2.11
UK General Inc	55.01	58.66	-0.16	2.56
UK Gilt Fxd Int Inc	45.97	47.45†	-0.14	7.40
UK Income Inc	55.17	59.27	-0.16	3.09
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	220.01	234.06†	-0.51	3.51
Global	324.11	334.16	-0.77	0.13
General	178.18	189.57†	-0.12	1.83
Bond	110.90	117.64†	+0.36	6.34
Growth	119.55	126.55	-0.22	2.43
Interest	112.62	117.32		1.60
Savage Fund	84.51	90.02		2.20
Distribution	88.01	93.62†	-0.32	3.19
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	34.04	36.40	-0.14	
Cash Income	50.23	50.23	+0.01	5.51
European Gwth	37.57	40.02	+0.04	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	25.87	27.66	-0.15	4.87
Intnl Gwth	28.47	30.44	-0.10	0.54
Japan Gwth	27.09	28.61	-0.16	
Managed Tst Inc	45.62	48.79	-0.21	2.56
Oriental Opps Inc	129.60	137.50	-0.60	
Property Share	35.10	37.54†	-0.09	0.85
Smaller Cos	29.25	31.29	-0.07	1.76
UK Growth Tst	24.59	26.29	+0.06	3.03
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.29	74.10	+0.51	1.71
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.90	68.34	+0.24	2.76
Exempt (D)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Foundation	87.89	94.00	+0.14	3.46
German	48.65	51.79	+0.25	
High Income	70.27	75.15†	+0.14	6.51
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	77.27	82.64	+0.19	4.69
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.32	124.78	+0.34	1.90
UK Equity	131.16	139.52	+0.64	3.14
UK Equity Income	124.20	132.13†	-0.53	3.55
UK Smaller Cos	112.12	119.28†	-0.13	1.72
UK Equity Growth	122.35	130.14	-0.55	2.28
UK Index Trckg	133.46	141.98	-0.10	3.57
Intl Index Trckg	138.72	147.60	-0.24	1.14
International	223.15	237.39	-0.70	0.33
European	186.84	198.77	-0.18	0.22
Pan European	125.02	133.00†	-0.34	1.30
Nth American	159.93	170.14	-0.20	0.23
N Amer Smlr Cos	177.42	188.74†	-0.25	
Japanese	92.12	104.38†	-0.65	
Pacific	222.23	236.42†	-0.69	0.06
South East Asian	233.71	248.63	-2.40	0.38
Intl Bond	127.10	135.12	-0.32	5.54
Gilt & Convertible	99.79	106.09†	-0.64	6.74
Property	81.99	87.22†	+0.08	5.13
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	229.90	244.50†	+0.50	2.62
(Accum Units)	485.20	516.20	-1.00	2.62
Growth	149.40	157.30	-0.40	2.75
Income	228.43	242.90	-0.60	3.86
Intl Equity	240.10	255.40	-0.10	1.07
(Accum Units)	265.40	282.30	-0.10	1.07
UK Income	62.01	67.03†	-0.20	3.35
UK Intl 25	76.04	80.89	-0.09	2.18
New Europe	75.19	79.98	-0.13	0.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	567.29	606.73	-2.42	0.35
(Accum Units)	567.68	607.36	-2.42	0.35
Income	330.50	353.48	-0.82	3.33
Wwide Recovery	361.24	386.36	-1.69	0.01
Amer Growth Inc	209.51	224.08	-0.02	0.01
(Accum Units)	209.51	224.08	-0.03	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	231.66	247.79	-1.41	0.06
Far East Gwth Inc	273.52	292.54†	+0.19	0.01
(Accum Units)	273.52	292.54	+0.19	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	134.37	143.72†	-0.59	0.57
(Accum Units)	134.78	144.16	-0.59	0.57
UK Growth Inc	84.92	90.83	-0.07	2.78
(Accum Units)	86.99	93.04	+0.07	2.78
High Income	90.19	96.46†	+0.14	4.05
Jap Gwth Inc	228.79	243.72	+0.71	0.01
(Accum Units)	228.79	243.72	+0.71	0.01
PEP Growth	112.05	119.85	-0.44	0.85
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	117.70	125.89†	-1.07	0.01
(Accum Units)	117.70	125.89	-1.07	0.01
Amer Smlr Cos Inc	122.32	130.83	-0.49	0.01
(Accum Units)	122.32	130.83	-0.49	0.01
Global Bond	52.71	55.59	-0.17	6.21
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.82	84.31	+0.20	1.45
(Accum Units)	81.89	87.58	+0.20	1.45
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 091 201 3927				
American	94.68	100.72	-0.40	
European	68.37	72.73	-0.13	
Global	61.88	65.83	-0.34	
Pacific	59.83	63.44	-0.40	
UK Inc & Gth	62.36	66.34	-0.09	1.90
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0533 550 540				
Eff Direct Dlgs	93.56	99.63	-0.31	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	153.57	161.65†		0.66
Emerg Firs	45.88	48.30	-1.25	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.58	61.03	+0.47	5.52
Growth Income	60.42	64.05	-0.15	2.26
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	126.05	134.10	-0.02	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	88.11	93.73	-0.21	3.68
Conv & Gilt	110.90	118.00	+0.20	6.20
European Income	70.42	74.91	-0.20	3.02
Extra Income	143.70	152.80	-0.59	5.85
(Accum Units)	174.30	185.40	+0.00	5.85
Far East	388.40	413.20	-1.80	0.08
(Accum Units)	395.80	421.00	-1.80	0.08
Global Income	24.81	26.39	-0.06	4.49
High Income	110.70	117.80	-1.89	3.63
(Accum Units)	131.40	129.50	-2.10	3.63
International	196.60	209.10	-1.20	0.66
(Accum Units)	202.60	215.50	-1.20	0.66
Pref & Fxd Int	43.17	45.92	-0.01	7.51
Recovery	68.13	72.48	-1.32	2.80
Special Sits	102.50	109.00	-0.40	1.14
(Accum Units)	110.90	117.90	-0.40	1.14
Technology	351.60	374.10	+0.70	
UK Blue Chip	65.64	69.83	-0.07	2.66
(Accum Units)	72.80	77.45	-0.07	2.66
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0622 674 751				
General	50.36	53.57†	-0.27	2.32
International	97.36	102.94	+0.27	0.39
Gilt	23.51	24.24	+0.14	6.75
Income & Grwth	67.24	71.53	-0.09	4.89
European	49.30	53.36	-0.16	0.44
American	50.02	53.21	-0.26	
Emerging Mkts	66.97	71.24	-2.21	0.06
UK Smaller Cos	28.49	30.21	+0.06	1.72
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.36	25.91†	+0.06	7.29
Global PEP	36.62	38.97	-0.02	1.32
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 0256 768 888				
European Inc	253.10	269.00	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	264.60	284.60	-0.40	
Japan Inc	111.80	118.50	-0.60	
Nth American Inc	109.60	111.40	-0.10	
Worldwide Inc	156.90	168.30	+0.20	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	115.30	123.70	-1.80	1.59
Swiss Equities Inc	65.17	69.76	-0.18	
Wwide Bond Inc	58.99	62.51	-0.36	5.03
Emgng Asia Inc	211.00	228.50†	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	211.80	229.70	-1.10	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.36	50.36	-0.01	4.97
Thailand Inc	159.00	169.50	-1.30	0.60
Gold Trst Inc	70.97	76.61	-9.08	0.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	65.71	69.99	-1.72	1.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	63.74	67.17†	-0.81	0.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	60.19	-0.28	1.51
Global Tracker	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.05	
Green Portfolio	66.23	70.04	-0.64	
[illegible]	[illegible]	71.64	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Tech	95.81	101.10	-0.50	
[illegible]	40.12	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	39.79	-0.81	
[illegible]	52.42	56.56	[illegible]	
[illegible]	48.44	51.43	[illegible]	
Prem Equity	74.86	71.45	[illegible]	
Lower Est Growth	43.91	46.12	-0.17	0.85
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 071 582 3969				
Equity Gth	162.70	175.12	-0.50	1.87
European Gth	94.06	100.30	-0.60	0.36
Income & Gth #	145.40	154.61		3.53
Japan Gth	124.40	132.10	-1.1	
Nth Amer Gth	112.35	119.40	-0.70	0.18
Overseas Gth	85.78	91.79	-0.27	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4496				
Managed Tst	35.12	36.39		1.55
Cash Haven Inc	101.40	101.85		4.96
Cash Haven Acc	111.01	111.55		4.96
Dist Trust Inc	91.91	95.30†		6.29
Dist Trust Acc	95.12	98.56†		6.29
Global Growth	85.27	90.71		1.76
Equity Inc	78.70	84.77		3.75
Equity	633.30	737.66		2.22
European	204.81	206.79		0.52
High Income	85.97	91.45†		4.95
Inc Gth	177.54	182.46		1.97
Intl Sm Co	74.02	78.74		0.44
Japanese	220.53	225.34		
Nth Amer	157.26	162.96		1.69
Pacific Mkt	95.27	99.34		0.21
Premier Inc	45.59	47.44†		5.02
Sm Cos	85.36	91.32		1.53
Spec Sits	106.61	113.42		1.15
UK Growth	116.41	123.83		2.31
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 0892 510 033				
British Life	[illegible]	305.20	-0.90	2.25
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 091 285 2666				
Managed	91.63	97.02†	0.79	2.29
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 071 280 5000				
Five Arrows America	428.58	450.39	-4.02	1.34
FA Smaller Amer	593.26	[illegible]	-4.74	0.34
Five Arrows Equity Inc	139.97	[illegible]	-0.59	3.57
FA Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
FA Major UK Cos	[illegible]	36.93†	-0.36	[illegible]
FA Smllr UK Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA European	235.62	249.29	-0.78	[illegible]
FA Amer Smll Cos	42.67	45.49	-0.06	
FA Asia	43.16	[illegible]	-0.54	
FA Jap Smll Cos	[illegible]	55.77	-0.40	
RAS Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.29	97.14	-0.36	
UK Smll Cos	91.63	96.17	-0.59	
UK Income	90.86	95.00	-0.54	
America	100.21	105.48	-0.81	
Japanese	58.30	61.36	-0.24	
European	97.77	102.91	-0.24	
Gilt	84.57	89.61	-0.18	
Deposit	83.94	87.41		
Managed	94.75	99.73	-0.25	
RAS PEP Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.98	94.66	-0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	79.06	83.21	-0.09	
UK Income	88.07	92.92	-0.56	
America	96.65	102.68	+0.79	
Japanese	58.77	62.75	-0.22	
European	96.23	102.10	-0.25	
Gilt	83.85	88.22	-0.13	
Deposit	79.10	83.26	-0.01	
Managed	88.91	93.58	-0.15	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	74.68	79.89	-0.47	0.23
Pacific Basin	76.70	82.79	-0.19	
High Inc Dist	127.40	136.20	-0.36	5.22
Ryl Life Inc Cap	56.36	60.55	-0.01	4.34
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.12	69.62	-0.01	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.48	65.77	-0.27	
UK Emerging Cos	121.70	131.50		1.17
UK Index Trckg	155.70	165.90	-0.80	3.45
European	122.90	132.10	-0.10	0.29
Managed	140.90	151.49	-0.20	0.84
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0206 764 400				
American Growth	139.90	147.00		0.54
European Growth	106.90	113.00		0.97
Far East Growth	124.60	132.60†		0.49
Japan Growth	135.10	143.60		
Special Sits	181.60	193.10		1.65
UK Growth	72.80	77.44†		2.65
Triton General	227.90	242.50		0.80
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 041 307 6600				
Far East Inc	158.70	167.90		0.34
Gt Euro Prog Inc	329.50	348.70	+1.00	0.52
(Accum Units)	512.30	542.10	-1.76	0.52
Growth Inc	125.90	133.20	-0.30	0.58
(Accum Units)	128.30	136.80	-0.30	0.58
International Inc	326.60	345.60	-0.30	0.43
(Accum Units)	447.90	474.00	-0.40	0.43
Nth Am & Intl Inc	302.60	320.20	-1.80	1.27
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.50	224.90	+0.60	1.21
UK High Inc Inc	125.60	132.90	-0.70	3.89
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.08	64.97	-0.02	
Amer Smllr Cos	73.64	78.34	+0.14	
Asian Gwth	104.31	110.97	-0.07	0.75
European Gwth	62.60	67.65†	+0.26	1.00
Global Bd	57.32	60.62	+0.03	5.00
Global Eq	60.70	64.57†	+0.07	0.50
Japanese Eq	55.57	59.11	+0.16	
Japan Sm Cos	64.22	69.21	+0.36	
UK Gen	51.64	54.93	-0.08	2.80
UK Gwth	57.41	61.07†	-0.03	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	64.98	69.12	-0.06	4.34
Amer Smllr Cos	106.50	113.30	+0.10	
Asian Smaller Cos	44.67	47.52	-0.06	
Capital Portfolio	123.60	131.50	-0.20	1.96
Capital	156.00	166.00	-0.20	1.24
Cash	125.70	125.70†	+0.10	5.04
China Dragon	51.62	54.92	-0.81	0.89
Commodity	128.60	136.90		0.36
Eastern Discovery	98.04	104.30	-0.39	
Emerging Mkts	37.34	39.72	-1.27	
Energy Inds	115.10	122.40	-0.20	0.45
European Gwth	182.50	194.20	-1.10	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.16	79.96	-0.45	2.02
Euro Smllr Cos	50.88	54.13†	-0.21	
Extra Income #	49.67	51.46	-0.08	6.07
Financial Secs	188.00	200.00†	-1.60	1.08
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.29	49.82	-0.06	9.07
Gold & Exploration	80.40	85.53	-0.11	
High Return #	215.40	229.20†	-0.40	4.51
High Yield #	217.90	231.80	-0.30	4.04
Income #	115.60	123.00	+0.20	4.46
Intl Bond	157.70	166.60	+0.10	5.70
ITU	195.10	208.60	-1.60	1.62
Japan Growth	179.40	190.90	+1.0	
Japan Smaller	195.40	207.90	+2.10	
Korea	67.70	72.02	-0.21	
Marketlund	52.37	56.78†	-0.05	0.80
Scotbits	282.20	300.20†	-2.50	1.51
Scotshares #	275.20	292.80†	-0.50	2.90
Scotyields #	230.00	244.70	-0.40	3.85
Select Intl	136.00	144.70	-0.20	0.36
Smaller Cos Inc #	231.40	250.60	+0.20	3.81
SE Asia	52.24	55.56	-0.65	
Special Situation	118.60	126.40	-0.10	1.25
UK Equity #	235.30	250.30	+0.10	2.94
UK Growth	61.25	65.27	-0.04	1.53
UK Smll Cos Gwth	45.77	48.69	-0.04	0.79
US Growth	140.20	149.10	-0.20	0.46
Univ Growth	135.90	144.60	-0.30	0.72
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlgs: 0800 526 535 Enq: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	240.65	255.97	-0.09	1.08
(Accum Units)	262.95	279.58	-0.10	1.08
European Gwth	71.24	75.79†	-0.31	1.30
Euro Smll Cos	74.57	79.64†	-0.07	0.14
Far Eastern Gth	92.22	98.36		0.22
(Accum Units)	93.88	100.13	-0.24	
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.02	52.32	-0.27	6.99
Global Bond	47.27	48.85†	+0.09	6.55
(Accum Units)	51.94	53.68	+0.10	6.55
Global Emer Mkts	48.75	51.99	-1.34	
(Accum Units)	48.75	51.99	-1.34	
Income	335.08	357.41	-3.23	4.15
(Accum Units)	£10.44	£11.13	-10.05	4.15
Japan Smll Cos	502.65	536.51	-3.02	
(Accum Units)	503.65	537.23	-3.02	
Japan Enterprise	71.46	76.22	-0.34	
Pacific Gwth	119.69	127.66	-1.21	
(Accum Units)	123.55	131.78	-1.25	
Seoul	56.93	55.01†	+0.18	
(Accum Units)	50.93	55.01	-0.18	
Smaller Cos	205.56	219.25†	+0.65	1.11
Tokyo	127.98	135.55	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	128.27	136.92	-0.41	
UK Enterprise	234.67	250.31†	+1.28	2.09
(Accum Units)	287.55	306.72	+1.54	2.09
UK Equity	227.18	242.32†	-1.81	2.83
(Accum Units)	441.44	470.87	+3.52	2.83
US Smlr Cos	153.78	164.03	+0.66	
(Accum Units)	45.01	46.88	-0.21	0.47
World Fd	77.31	82.48	-0.35	2.07
(Accum Units)	82.30	88.85	+0.39	2.07
Institutional Funds				
European	226.39	239.68	-0.50	1.36
(Accum Units)	251.05	261.35	+0.54	1.36
Euro Smll Cos	27.80	29.85	-0.04	1.66
(Accum Units)	29.49	30.72	-0.04	1.66
Global Equity Inc	71.69	77.89	-0.08	0.85
Japan Smll Cos	40.58	42.21	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	40.90	42.80	-0.41	
Mngd Balanced	177.81	185.21	+0.62	3.00
(Accum Units)	205.60	208.96	-0.71	2.60
Overseas Equity	182.27	189.85†	-0.18	0.88
(Accum Units)	188.72	196.58	-0.19	0.88
Oseas Smlr Cos	122.24	127.33	-0.38	0.73
(Accum Units)	127.49	132.79	-0.39	0.73
Pacific	227.69	237.17	-2.64	1.25
(Accum Units)	248.45	258.80	-2.88	1.25
Recovery	£17.52	£18.25	+0.60	2.97
(Accum Units)	£16.33	£19.09	+0.61	2.97
UK Index	147.32	153.45†	+0.32	3.43
(Accum Units)	179.76	187.25	+0.39	3.43
UK Small Cos	109.69	114.46	+0.18	2.71
(Accum Units)	116.46	121.30	+0.16	2.71
US Smll Cos	44.22	46.06	+0.21	0.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.54	51.70	+0.09	3.06
Equity Trust	58.61	62.42	-0.03	2.70
Equity Strategy	67.08	71.42	-0.24	1.39
European Opps	82.99	88.38	-0.32	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	61.12	65.09	-0.06	1.45
Blackburn Inc	99.53	102.11	+0.02	6.38
Japanese	79.00	84.13	+0.65	
Asia Pacific	113.86	121.26	-0.64	0.96
American	96.12	102.37	-0.08	0.82
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.82	30.82		5.330
UK General Inc	49.29	52.57	-0.12	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.39	67.51	-0.16	2.84
Intl Income	263.93	280.60†	-1.20	1.01
(Accum Units)	453.00	431.70†	-2.10	1.01
European	76.50	81.13†	+0.15	1.47
Japan	70.39	74.58†	-0.67	0.06
American	63.59	67.39†	+0.03	1.92
Far East	82.41	87.91	-0.09	0.76

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Overall Inc	28.39	30.35	-0.05	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.75	33.57†	-0.07	2.56
High Inc Inc	34.33	36.62†	-0.05	3.44
UK Global Inc	38.65	41.15	-0.03	1.57
Asia Tact	69.70	72.03	-0.76	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	55.86	53.99	-0.04	1.51
Technology	104.75	110.57†	-0.03	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	366.80	391.70	+1.80	2.53
American	241.50	257.00	-5.10	
Pacific	367.70	293.30	-5.40	0.22
European	325.60	352.40	+0.60	1.25
Worldwide	82.56	86.32	-0.32	0.56
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	257.30	273.80†	-1.10	2.21
(Accum Units)	324.70	345.50†	-1.10	2.21
UK Gt Co Eq Inc	185.90	201.00†	-0.40	2.36
(Accum Units)	226.50	241.00†	+0.40	2.30
Select Opports Inc	63.32	67.73	-0.21	1.97
Income Plus Inc	68.31	72.57	+1.18	4.15
Smrsdcm Inc	326.80	349.80	-0.50	0.67
(Accum Units)	371.40	395.20	-4.50	0.67
Far Eastern Inc	164.76	175.35	-0.93	0.70
(Accum Units)	167.60	190.66	-0.95	0.70
Japanese Inc	53.14	57.16	-0.17	
Nth American Inc	230.70	245.50	-3.90	0.66
(Accum Units)	254.00	270.30	-3.90	0.66
Intl Growth Inc	194.70	207.29†	-0.50	0.65
Wwide Venture Inc	77.17	82.16	-0.57	0.75
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	347.66	370.70	-0.90	2.67
(Accum Units)	508.55	545.60	-1.30	2.67
UK High Inc	175.40	187.10	-0.60	3.22
(Accum Units)	253.20	270.10	-0.90	3.21
Europe Inc	349.70	375.90	+1.00	0.31
Nth Amer Inc	205.80	219.50	+9.50	
[illegible]	197.90	210.30	-1.20	0.32
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.78	98.47		3.07
South East Asia	232.20	226.40	-0.20	0.57
Gilt Trust Inc	100.40	109.45		5.12
UK Smllr Cos Inc	98.48	105.30	-5.10	2.63
(Accum Units)	106.02	108.79	-0.16	2.63
Intl Bond Inc	86.51	31.82	-0.33	5.35
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Semper Recovery	144.50	151.90	-1.70	4.39
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	120.50	127.90†	-0.50	0.62
Nth American	96.52	102.70†	-0.30	0.35
Intl Bond & Conv	115.90	[illegible]		[illegible]
Pooled Pension (E)	172.30	180.60	-2.41	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	70.54	74.25	-0.06	1.42
UK General	123.00	129.50	-0.79	[illegible]
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 071 626 6225				
Amer Cos Fd	97.78		-0.57	
Asian	80.06		[illegible]	
Emerald	118.74		-5.23	
Global Blends	92.43		-0.35	[illegible]
Japanese	84.95		-0.62	
UK Growth	99.42		-0.25	2.76
Tar Fund	58.77		-0.10	
UK Emrg Leaders	90.29		-0.25	[illegible]
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 071 637 5377				
American	169.50	166.40	-2.51	0.13
Canadian	65.21	69.51	-0.35	0.85
Capital	118.70	127.10	-0.65	1.45
Cash	101.17	101.17	-0.07	5.64
European	129.40	137.00		0.67
Far Eastern	156.00	165.10	-1.30	
Growth	128.90	136.40	-0.80	1.25
Income	125.40	132.73	-0.26	5.30
Magnum	127.20	135.55	-0.40	1.44
Smllr Snrs	365.25	386.40	-0.60	1.02
Thoroughbred	148.50	156.80†	-3.46	1.32
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.92	50.42†		5.00
Ecumenic Primnc	54.12	57.71	-0.08	8.16
Ethical	52.56	55.91	-0.17	3.10
European Growth	71.37	76.12	-0.24	2.65
Income	52.65	56.15†	-0.24	3.59
Intl Growth	96.20	102.60	-0.29	2.60
Managed	79.75	85.06	-0.22	3.60
UK Growth	58.96	62.88	-0.18	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.61	39.57		1.75
Global Advtg Acc	40.09	42.50		1.78
Income Advtg Inc	30.48	32.31†		4.00
Income Advtg Acc	33.46	35.47		4.00
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.53	66.29	-0.10	1.46
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.71	51.76		1.49
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.89	37.08		4.00
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.32	45.93	-0.10	4.00
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.80	63.54		2.25
UK Equity Gth Inc	44.27	47.00		2.35
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.56	31.36		6.37
Quas Lng Co Acc	301.30	227.00	-0.30	1.61
Nth American Acc	42.35	45.00	-0.20	0.56
Far East Acc	66.27	70.42		0.15
European Acc	50.34	53.49	+0.10	0.88
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 071 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	3.642	3.861	-0.026	0.55
US Eqts (US$)	2.324	2.467	+3.00	0.70
Far East Eqts (yen)	235.00	249.60	-1.20	
Japan Eqts (yen)	256.00	270.80	-4.10	
FT Europe	121.10	126.60	-0.001	1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.759	1.865	+0.50	0.96
FT Japan (yen)	235.00	249.60	-1.20	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.263	2.401	-0.067	1.00
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 226 3271				
American	350.10	373.20	+0.30	
British #	970.80	£10.27	+3.30	4.70
Emrgng Mkts	139.50	148.80	-4.50	
European	512.00	546.10	-0.30	0.79
Japan	153.60	163.00	-0.40	
New Pacific	372.10	398.00	+1.30	0.79
(Accum Units)	392.20	419.50	-1.40	0.79
Inv Trust Acc	247.40	262.30	-0.89	1.13
Mngd Equity	165.50	176.20	+0.40	1.43
Mngd Cash	95.46	95.46	+0.01	5.19
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	791.20	846.20†	+3.40	3.37
North America	118.20	126.40†	-0.20	0.83
Far East	139.30	149.00†	-0.80	0.17
Wwide Bond	54.57	57.93	+0.10	5.54
European	99.10	106.00	+0.40	0.13
Equity Income	86.24	92.23†	-0.49	4.57
Portfolio	81.20	86.84	+0.09	1.25
UK Leading Cos	57.81	61.50	-0.35	3.48
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	64.56	69.05	-0.34	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.69	34.97	-0.15	0.85
Managed Assets	122.14	130.64†	-0.16	2.66
UK Income	39.00	41.72†	-0.05	5.28
UK Growth	37.57	40.19	-0.06	2.54
Worldwide Growth	34.17	36.55	-0.05	0.66
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	47.86	50.91	-0.12	
Cap Protector Inc	41.36	44.24	+0.29	2.67
UK Income Inc	49.13	52.55†	+0.49	3.15
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.84	34.05†	-0.19	3.66
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.23	82.60	+0.75	4.18
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.42	77.47	-0.65	3.34
UK Smaller Cos	32.68	34.95	-0.01	1.90
Pacific Gth Port	43.51	46.54	-0.36	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 0264 346 794				
American	196.03	209.55	-0.28	
(Accum Units)	218.12	230.81	-0.31	
Brit Growth	91.88	97.22	-0.48	2.17
(Accum Units)	110.56	116.99	-0.58	2.17
European	102.28	108.24	-0.16	0.55
(Accum Units)	108.77	115.10	-0.18	0.55
Extra Income	187.03	197.92	-0.85	4.35
(Accum Units)	317.37	335.84	+1.44	4.35
Smaller Cos	68.47	72.46	-0.04	1.62
(Accum Units)	76.80	81.27	-0.04	1.62
General	265.77	281.24†	-1.01	2.40
(Accum Units)	550.18	582.20	-2.09	2.40
Premier Income	47.93	49.92	-0.06	6.30
(Accum Units)	107.98	112.48	-0.15	6.30
Income	319.19	337.77†	+1.11	4.04
(Accum Units)	699.87	740.60†	-2.43	4.04
Pacific	412.36	436.36	-0.77	
(Accum Units)	433.29	458.51	-0.90	
International	516.79	546.87	+0.08	0.11
(Accum Units)	679.55	719.10	-0.11	0.11
Nat Resources	157.45	166.61	-1.39	
Skot Opps	99.95	105.77	-0.19	1.47
(Accum Units)	127.24	134.65	-0.25	1.43
Environmental Inv	60.82	64.77	-0.19	2.01
Selector	59.69	63.16	+0.14	2.27
(Accum Units)	67.33	71.24	+0.16	2.27
High Income	61.65	65.32†	+0.26	4.82
(Accum Units)	78.52	83.08†	+0.33	4.82
Intl Income	56.08	59.34	+0.18	5.26
(Accum Units)	68.95	72.96	+0.23	5.26
Selector Income	58.61	62.02	+0.20	4.92
(Accum Units)	68.83	72.83	+0.23	4.93
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 081 667 1018				
British	313.60	330.10	-1.00	2.80
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	195.56	209.18†	-1.20	1.39
Glob Balncd Inc	167.17	178.80	-0.31	2.92
Value Tst Inc	115.30	123.32†	-0.80	1.58
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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Simon Tait finds Jeremy Isaacs bloodied but unbowed by recent storms at the Royal Opera House — and positive about the future

A Garden in bloom

CLIVE BARDA



Last year's controversial ROH *Rheingold*: Jeremy Isaacs has set out to enliven the range

Jeremy Isaacs likens himself to Sisyphus, the Corinthian king condemned to spend eternity rolling a boulder uphill. "However well we do in one year," he says, "*the next year is always the most difficult we have to face.*"

He has been general director of the Royal Opera House for six years, and in each one it has been an uphill struggle to maintain a high-quality artistic programme against funding crises, artistic criticism, or the physical decay of the outdated old building which is the showcase for both our finest opera and ballet.

"I still believe that the right strategy for a great house like this is to err marginally on the side of ambition," he says. The criticism of Baroness Warnock in her Arts Council-commissioned report of two years ago, which attacked the Covent Garden management and condemned it for pressing ahead with the £150 million development scheme without identifying all the funding, still galls.

"The more I think about Warnock the more misguided a document I think it was," says Mr Isaacs. "She *assumed that somehow we could go* back to ten years ago when everything seemed to be all right and there were no financial problems, but what she didn't understand is that the art level of those years was so deplorably inert that something drastic had to be done about it. I was that something drastic. I came in here with a brief to enliven the range of our work."

He has never questioned the importance, in this egalitarian age, of a nationally funded opera and dance house, nor the appropriateness of a subsidy of £19.5 million, the biggest single grant the Arts Council gives — albeit for three companies, the Royal Ballet, Royal Opera and Birmingham Royal Ballet — which he believes is short by about £1 million.



Jeremy Isaacs: hopeful

The present Royal Opera House was built in 1858, and remains virtually unchanged. "Every other great city in Europe has rebuilt its opera houses since the war, but we have not," says Mr Isaacs. "It is a national shame."

London is a world centre for music. "Opera and ballet are the two great performance art forms, millions of people love them, we're very good at them. This house exists to present them with British skills behind them, but on an international level," Mr Isaacs says.

There is nothing whatever élitist about it, he insists, and one of his three great regrets is the need to have the seat prices as high as they are to compensate for the subsidy shortfall. "There are 2,000 seats in this house; 850 of them are reasonably priced and the opera has been full pretty well every night this season," he says. "I think that's a tribute to the appeal for what we're offering."

The major financial confrontation with the Arts Council came when the Covent Garden board decided that to preserve its artistic programme it would have to budget for a deficit in 1991. This meant deliberately increasing a debt of £3.3 million by £2 million, anathema to the Government, and both the Arts Council and the Government denounced the decision as "provocative". A compromise was found.

The second chief regret, he says, is using the word Armageddon four years ago to describe what would happen if he didn't get his Arts Council grant restored. Some took him to be referring to the bloody battle that would ensue. "What I really meant to say was that we would have to savage our programme, which indeed we did."

Nevertheless, he saved the artistic credit of the house, not always to critical acclaim — the cries of "Isaacs, this is rubbish" which greeted the production of *Les Huguenots* two seasons ago still ring in his ears — but to general satisfaction. Mr Isaacs produces a letter he recently received from someone unknown to him, who has been a Covent Garden habitué since 1958. The place, he wrote, had been transformed: "The repertory has been widened, there is no excessive reliance on big names to the detriment of other essential elements, and there is an excitement about the place that was missing for so many years."

His third compunction is that ballet has had to suffer because opera brings more money through the box office. "Ballet suffered disgracefully from this and as soon as we see the chance we want to reverse the policy."

Changes in the financial management of the opera house have contributed to the reduction of its debt from £3.6 million to £1.4 million over three years, and the pledge to clear it by March 1996 will, Mr Isaacs hopes, be met early.

But the future security of the Royal Opera House lies, he believes, with the development plan that will create a *brand new theatre around the old* house. Technically the ROH is in the Stone Age, and the new development will transform it from labour intensive to capital intensive, saving millions more. So on January 4 the Royal Opera House delivered its bid for £50 million for the scheme from the Arts Council's lottery fund — the rest will come from donations already promised, and from the realisation of retail units on the redeveloped site. "If we didn't get it, it would certainly mean the abandonment of the major scheme," says Mr Isaacs.

A brand new opera house would cost about £300 million. "The nation has to face up to the question, does it want a great opera house? I think our scheme would be a bargain, and money well spent.".

Schools break down the barriers

Covent Garden and groups of boisterous children are working hard to dispel the myth of elitism

Chris Lowe, headteacher of a Peterborough comprehensive, has noticed a curious omission in the Royal Opera House's charter, *Simon Tait writes.* "There is no mention," he says, "of the place being about entertainment. It says the purpose of the Royal Opera House is educational."

This might go some way to explaining why the place is seen as forbidding, somewhere to go for a difficult evening of mind improvement, the venue for performances which are "inaccessible".

At meetings of the ROH board of directors, accessibility is the single most discussed subject — more than programming, artistic standards, even funding. Mr Lowe, who is also a board member, believes the accusation of elitism so often thrown at the Royal Opera House is due to a self-perpetuating misconception. "I cannot think of a single opera house in the world that has done as much to make it possible for everyone to go who wants to go, with prices ranging from £2 up to . . . whatever the top is, I honestly don't know". (For opera it is £133.50, for ballet £58.50.)

As a board member, Mr Lowe's special interest is Covent Garden's education programme. For half a dozen afternoons a year, the theatre is given over to children's matinées of both opera and ballet and, he says, these are oversubscribed sometimes by four or five times.

I went to see the Royal Ballet perform Frederick Ashton's *The Dream*, starring Lesley Collier and William Trevitt, for 2,000 children between the ages of seven and 12, from as far afield as Cornwall, Northumberland and Wales.

The revered place was unbuttoned for the excited youngsters, who had no more awe for the surroundings than for their own school halls. But there was total absorption, for boys as much as girls, with what was happening *on stage.*

> 'It is such a joy to see the house like this — I watch the audience, not the stage'

For Darryl Jaffray, head of ballet education at the Garden and a former Royal Ballet dancer, the matinées are the linchpin of the £100,000-plus education programme. "It is such a joy to see the house like this that it is difficult not to spend the whole afternoon looking at the audience instead of at the stage," she said.

The ROH's education department was begun in 1983 by Pauline Tambling with a staff of two. Ms Tambling is now, as head of opera education, in joint charge with Ms Jaffray, and there is a staff of six. These include a fund raiser, for 80 per cent of the costs have to come from sponsorship. Four years ago there was an outcry when a single matinée was cancelled by Jeremy Isaacs because of lack of funding. It has never happened since, although it has been close.

The operation involves not simply putting on special schools' performances, but going to the schools with singers, dancers, choreographers, musicians, directors and designers for demonstrations and workshops.

At the Garden there are week-long workshops, teachers' training sessions, and Saturday Specials — low price performances for low income groups — several times a year, as well as study days, discussion evenings and even sing-alongs. There are also special outreach projects: this month Ms Tambling has organised a two-week programme with Salford secondary schools around the theme of February's production of *La Bohème*, from which will come the schools' own opera projects. The £50,000 costs have been raised through the local authority, the Friends of Covent Garden and Salford business sponsors.

The education department has established a database of about 8,000 schools — about a quarter of all schools — which they know to be interested, and this number is growing all the time.

For next season the board is expected to agree to keep back a block of 30-50 seats, at a cost of not more than £10 each, for 20 or 30 performances a year for young people who cannot come to the matinées.

Pricing of seats at the Garden has been the most contentious of issues. Keith Cooper, head of corporate affairs, has to dispel the impression of £200-a-head seats being the norm. In fact, he explains, there are 26 different price schedules, with 113 different seat prices, which take into account special incentive schemes, low-cost performances, the educational initiatives and broadcasting. The average price paid for seats this season is £64 for opera and £31 for ballet, a far cry from the top price for Pavarotti.

Broadcasting is becoming an increasingly promising access point for opera and ballet with, according to Mike Morris, the new head of personnel, a new trade union attitude. "BECTU, the technical union, has particularly taken on board the need to be able to make use of television and video. There appears to have been a sea change in the Musicians' Union too, and this is going to make all the difference."

Last November Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, was at the opening night of the new production of *La traviata*, and was so smitten by it that he cleared his schedules a fortnight later to televise a performance live. This, says Mr Cooper, is symptomatic of a growing enthusiasm among broadcasters. That one night's broadcast added an audience of well over 1.6 million to the 16,000 who will have been able to attend the eight performances.

More broadcasts are planned, and there is to be further use of the expensive but highly popular big-screen relays into Covent Garden Piazza. There is also a growing number of productions being recorded on video.

"Many people do not enjoy opera or ballet," a Royal Opera House educational video made for potential sponsors announces. "They have never had the chance. It's a shame. It's a challenge."

LENA MILLER



South London pupils work on a project organised by the ROH education department

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Something to sing about

If there were ever a case for national pride, the Royal Opera is it. **Rodney Milnes** explains his admiration

CATHERINE ASHMORE



La traviata so impressed BBC2's boss that he cleared his schedules to show it live

Running something like the Royal Opera must be one of the trickiest tasks known to man. It is *sui generis* an establishment organisation, a flagship of national culture with all that that implies. Yet who wants to be in charge of a theatre museum?

The very height of its profile presupposes constant criticism, not only from consumers who are more demanding and pernickety than those for any other art form, but also from people who have never been to the opera in their lives but can see public money disappearing down a huge black hole. The general director of the ROH must have a full-time job simply answering (or at least signing) letters of complaint and countering ill-informed media comment.

The current general director, Jeremy Isaacs, took up the job in 1988. He came, of course, from the world of television, and broke an unofficial apostolic succession that had been in place since the opera company in its present form was established in 1946.

He had a rough ride in his first few years, being subjected to an anonymous whispering campaign whose origins were hard to pin down, but one that stopped as suddenly as it had started. It centred largely on his supposed arrogance — he is the least arrogant man in the world — and (surprise, surprise) on his lack of experience, a lack that he turned into an advantage by declining to tread traditional paths. And he has that one essential quality vital in anyone concerned with opera, passion. No museum curator he.

Now that he has got his team in place — Nicholas Payne, one of the shrewdest minds in the business, was appointed opera director two years ago — his cumbersome flagship is sailing serenely, for the time being at least, through the treacherous waters of international opera.

Artistically, its standing is high compared with its European peers. Paris, for instance, is still in chaos, and is held up mistakenly as an example of the dangers of unlimited public funding, whereas in reality the chaos stems from interference by politicians: never can there have been a clearer demonstration of the advantages of Britain's "arm's-length" system.

La Scala, Milan, is a sort of operatic "safe house", solid but unchallenging: the Vienna State Opera appears to be moribund; following the collapse of the wall, politics rule in Berlin, where the new, extravagantly funded State Opera could turn into the sort of vibrantly alive organisation that we have here. The Bavarian State Opera, under new, English management (Peter Jonas), is also being shaken up.

Comparisons with houses in the US, where opera is basically a privately-funded affair, are not strictly applicable, but the Met is not as antediluvian as it is made out to be, and there are lively organisations in Chicago and San Francisco. But the Royal Opera can hold its head high as one of the healthiest operatic organisms in the world today.

Its health stems from its insistence on the paramountcy of musical values, a long tradition in Bow Street. With one of the world's most respected musicians, Bernard Haitink, as music director, Edward Downes as his associate and recent guests of the calibre of Sir Georg Solti, Valery Gergiev, Claudio Abbado and Colin Davis, you cannot go far wrong.

Then there is the carefully devised mix of repertory. Of course you have to have the basic ABC — *Aida*, *Bohème* and *Carmen* — but the Royal Opera has leavened this with some surprising rarities: the "lost" Verdi masterpiece, *Stiffelio*, Massenet's virtually unknown *Chérubini*, both big artistic successes, and the curious but enormously popular *Fedora*. Rossini's *Mosè* and Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* are not exactly mainstays of the repertory, but they have been given in solidly satisfying productions. Failures — let's not name them, for once — have been few and far between.

Some felt last year's new *Meistersinger* was too solid, others found it delightfully fresh; the only thing that everyone can agree on is that the first instalments of the new *Ring* — *Rheingold* and *Walküre* — two months ago were the sort of thing opera-buffs will be arguing about for years to come. Quite rightly, the management will have no truck with a "house style": the sheer variety of the work put on stage is one of the house's greatest current strengths.

And, most difficult of all, it keeps its end up with 20th-century opera, the magnificent *Katya Kabanova*, *Porgy and Bess*, *Death in Venice*, Prokofiev's *Fiery Angel*, and the house's very own *Gawain*. The management could have saved a lot of money by cancelling the revival of Birtwistle's epic, but it is the measure of Isaacs's passion that he dug his toes in and went ahead — and was rewarded with good box-office.

One or two clouds remain on the horizon. The Royal Opera's artistic standing may be high, but it produces such fine work with about a third less of the funding enjoyed by its European counterparts. To keep going, it has had to put up seat prices to what many regard as socially unacceptable levels, limiting the spread of its potential audience.

At the same time, it receives the largest slug of public money of any of the Arts Council's clients, thereby drawing resentful comment as the most generously supported arts organisation in the land, and at the same time one of the least accessible to the general public. This is a nettle that someone, somewhere must grasp sooner or later.

And there is the question of the long overdue redevelopment. Where will the company be performing in three years' time? Will it actually get the money, and if so, from where? The sort of excellent work currently being put on is one thing, the fact that the theatre is practically falling down quite another, and there's something awfully "English" about it. We don't go in for national pride, but I wish we did, especially when we've got something to be proud about. That's another nettle to be grasped.

A scheme in tune with the 21st century

Plans are afoot to redevelop, refurbish and extend Covent Garden

CARL LAUBIN



Artist's impression of the redeveloped Opera House

ON JANUARY 4 a bulky envelope arrived, hand delivered, to Peter Gummer, chairman of the Arts Council's National Lottery board. It contained the key to the Royal Opera House's future, perhaps even to its survival: a bid for more than £50 million to ensure the Covent Garden development plan can proceed.

No potential National Lottery capital scheme has received such publicity, none has been so long on the drawing board or so often returned to it, none is likely to be so detailed in its design or its funding strategy. In broad terms, the scheme will redevelop, restore, refurbish and extend the Royal Opera House, and make it viable for the 21st century. To the ROH Board, chaired by Sir Angus Stirling, it is simply essential.

The Covent Garden development stretches back almost two decades to when the first Arts Minister, Jennie Lee, and the Government bought the site the theatre stands on "to preserve and use it for the improvement, enlargement and efficient running of the Royal Opera House", and transferred it to the opera house's new charitable trust in 1981.

The £150 million development will give a home to the Royal Ballet in Covent Garden for the first time; create a second auditorium of about 500 seats in addition to the 2,000 seats of the existing auditorium (which is to be upgraded and its sight-lines improved); give disabled access to all parts of the theatre; end the "apartheid" which physically kept apart the audience of the amphitheatre levels from those of the lower house; provide studio space for community and educational activities; and, with the installation of air conditioning for the first time, an end to the "Black Hole of Calcutta experience", as Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the ROH, calls the high summer atmosphere in the theatre.

Ten years ago, Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones, with the Building Design Partnership, were commissioned to devise a scheme which would transform the 1858 listed building without recourse to public funding and depending entirely on public appeal and the capital income from office and commercial developments. Planning permission was given in 1990, but cost estimates rose to £250 million.

BUT with the recession getting a grip, the commercial potential was looking increasingly uncertain. Stuart Lipton and Stanhope Properties was commissioned to review the whole project, and recommended drastic changes. If office space was removed from the scheme, there would be space for street-level storage obviating the expensive and possibly damaging deep cellars. The whole scheme could then move forward more swiftly and cheaply, with less disruption to the local community. The Covent Garden Community Association had been a persistent critic of the scheme, but was now consulted. If Lottery money could be obtained, matching money could be raised by public appeal and another £60 million from retail developments.

The board concurred and a new scheme was drawn up, within the original framework, retaining more of the Floral Hall and providing better backstage working conditions. The regime for stage hands today is back-breaking, with Victorian technology to go with the Victorian building but plans would allow sets to be stored and moved mechanically.

It will, of course, mean the house closing for two years in 1997, and siting the ballet and opera seasons elsewhere. Several options are under consideration, including the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, the Coliseum and the near-derelict Lyceum.

Mr Isaacs said: "I know that we are working a miracle here but that it is the customer who is bearing the brunt. They deserve something better — and we are determined to provide it."

SIMON TAIT

Terry Eccles on the changing fortunes and faces of Covent Garden over the last 200 years

The square that Inigo built

DONALD SOUTHERN



The fire at Covent Garden Theatre on March 5, 1856, site of the current opera house

Theatre, opera and ballet have been associated with Covent Garden for over 300 years, but the place has also seen older vocations and professions. The name itself is a corruption of convent, a linguistic relic of the original landlord, Westminster Abbey, which held the lands until the dissolution of the monasteries.

Thereafter, ownership was granted to the earls of Bedford, the 4th of whom hoped to enhance the family fortune by building a square of elegant houses fetching appropriately fashionable rents.

The plan, by Inigo Jones, was distinctly continental: a piazza of tall terraced houses above areaded pavements with, on the west side, the Italianate St Paul's church (where George Bernard Shaw's flower-seller Eliza Doolittle would later shelter).

When the new square was completed in 1639, it quickly became one of the most fashionable addresses in London. The lustre gradually wore away, however, as the well-to-do moved nearer to the court at St James's and the first hucksters' stalls — the origins of Covent Garden market — began to appear. The atmosphere changed. Commerce generated a greater diversity of trades and customers. New coffee houses sprang up, patronised by the leading thespians and literary figures of the day: Fielding, Boswell, Pope, Sheridan and Garrick. By the mid-18th century the fine residences had declined into disreputable lodging houses, Turkish baths and brothels.

Around the same time, the actor-manager John Rich built the first Covent Garden theatre, and on December 7, 1732, his Theatre Royal at Covent Garden opened with a performance of Congreve's *The Way of the World*. For the first hundred years of its history the Covent Garden theatre was principally a playhouse. Rich himself was a celebrated harlequin and promoted the development of pantomime which survived as a Christmas tradition at Covent Garden until the 1930s.

Serious music was presented even from the earliest years, however. From 1735 until his death, Handel performed there, wrote many of his operas and oratorios for the theatre and finally bequeathed it his organ. It and many of his manuscripts perished in the fire that destroyed the theatre in 1808. By the end of the following year, a second theatre opened, perhaps ominously, with a performance of *Macbeth*. Very soon, the management's attempt to recoup the building costs by raising seat prices succeeded only in sparking the second audience riots in the theatre's history.

Although ballet and opera did feature — *Don Giovanni*, *The Marriage of Figaro* and *The Barber of Seville* had their first performances in English there — the programme at Covent Garden, as elsewhere, had to be varied to be popular. Bravura renditions of extracts from the classics might be followed by acrobatics or some other crowd-pleasing spectacle. But in 1846 a dispute at the main ballet and opera stage, Her Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket, resulted in the almost complete defection of its company to Covent Garden. With the auditorium remodelled, the theatre reopened as the Royal Italian Opera and was later to present the English premieres of Verdi's *Rigoletto* and *Il trovatore*. In 1856, however, the building was once again razed to the ground.

The third theatre, designed by E.M. Barry and opened in 1858, has managed to survive and, in recent years, even expand on its cramped site. At the time of its reopening, however, the flower and vegetable market was thriving around it. It employed a thousand porters, but as Dickens wrote in *Sketches by Boz*: "This is essentially a theatrical neighbourhood... The errand boys and chandler's-shop-keepers' sons are all stage-struck." He knew them well. Dickens kept rooms nearby and, aged 19, had offered himself as a talent for the Covent Garden stage.

By 1892, in recognition of the French and German works now in the repertory, the theatre's name was changed to the Royal Opera House. Seasons of opera and ballet were presented winter and summer with the theatre dark in between or even offering films, cabarets, lectures and dances. It was only after the Second World War that the present opera and ballet companies were established. (During the war the House had been used as a Mecca dance hall, and as a government furniture store between 1914 and 1918). In February 1946 Ninette de Valois's Sadler's Wells Ballet reopened the Opera House with a performance of *The Sleeping Beauty*, and in December shared the production of *The Fairy Queen* with its fellow resident, the newly forged opera company.

Today the Royal Opera House is also the London home of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, and is regularly host to international performers and companies. And, while the market traders moved away long ago, outdoor screenings of live performances ensure that stage-struck fans are still out there on the Covent Garden cobbles.

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Dancing out of trouble

Allen Robertson on how the two companies of the Royal Ballet have found renewed vigour in the 1990s

Accommodation and compromise have been bywords of the two companies now known as the Royal Ballet and the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Yet each in its own way has managed to triumph over adversity. One reason why this bipartite arrangement is so successful is that the two companies are the same, yet different.

Since taking up residence in Birmingham in 1990, that troupe, under the artistic direction of Peter Wright, has put special emphasis on reviving many mid 20th-century masterworks from Europe and America. The Covent Garden company, run by Anthony Dowell, has focused on new stagings of the great full-length Russian classics which first helped to establish the British ballet's worldwide reputation. This approach gives dance fans a breadth and depth of choice few other companies could match.

> Ballet fans enjoy a depth of choice few companies could match

Yet the two companies have had to cope with conditions and performance schedules which older, more established, troupes would scoff at.

The Russian Imperial Company in St Petersburg (now the Kirov Ballet) was established in 1738, and the Paris Opéra Ballet in 1669. Even the specialised Royal Danish Ballet has been going for well over 150 years. By contrast, Britain's national ballet started only in 1931.

The company's early promise, developed during its initial years at Sadler's Wells Theatre, took a huge leap forward when it was invited to take up residence at Covent Garden at the end of the Second World War. This move led to a golden age for British ballet. Margot Fonteyn, the muse for choreographer Frederick Ashton, became the epitome of the lyric, gracious, dramatic, yet purposefully understated approach which came to be known as the "English style". Another company ballerina, Moira Shearer, rocketed to international stardom thanks to the film *The Red Shoes*: and, as the Forties became the Fifties, a group of young choreographic talents such as Kenneth MacMillan, John Cranko and Wright began to emerge.

Then, in an unexpected coup Rudolf Nureyev arrived in London just as the Swinging Sixties were starting to make an impact.

Suddenly, ballet was a hot ticket — people were queueing overnight at the box office. Nor was it just the legendary Fonteyn-Nureyev duo creating the stir. Young artists such as Lynn Seymour, Antoinette Sibley, Dowell, Christopher Gable and Monica Mason were also making their mark.

But it is the nature of any arts organisation always to be in flux. By the late 1970s, the golden era was drawing to a close. Pundits spent much of the Thatcher years bemoaning declining standards and a lack of vision.

A turning point came in 1986 when Dowell took over at Covent Garden. Since then he has nurtured a shining new generation of talent led by the likes of Viviana Durante and Darcey Bussell. Irek Mukhamedov, the Russian superstar, has become a company member and Sylvie Guillem, the French ballerina, surely the best-known woman in dance, is a long-term, virtually permanent guest artist. Such an abundance of talent has put the Royal Ballet on top yet again.

Of course, nothing is perfect. Thanks to economic pressures over the past few seasons the company has been forced to reduce its repertory. Pragmatically, the ballet has ceded performance dates to the opera. After all, top tickets for the opera are more than twice as expensive as for dance. Economics therefore dictates that the singers get first call on the space.

ANTHONY CRICKMAY



The Dream with William Trevitt and Viviana Durante — a shining new generation

For several seasons Jeremy Isaacs, ROH general director, has been making noises about getting the ballet company back to parity. It will be interesting to see what develops. When Covent Garden closes for renovations the ballet company will have to take up residence in that non-existent phantom known as "the London dance house". If such a venue is not made available, then the Royal Ballet will become nomads circling the globe and landing wherever someone offers a guest engagement.

By contrast, Birmingham Royal Ballet is used to a life on the road. In the years leading up to its transfer to the Midlands, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (as it was then called) had several productions in its repertory which could not fit on the small stage at the Wells. They could *only* be performed on tour.

When Birmingham offered a firm, expanded base of operations (to say nothing of a ten-week home season), Wright and the Opera House jumped at the chance. Not only did the city fathers renovate the Hippodrome with a new stage equivalent in size to Covent Garden, they also built large, ultra-modern backstage and rehearsal facilities. These make what is available in London a Dickensian nightmare in comparison.

Almost immediately, Wright eradicated the doom-sayers' predictions that a move to Birmingham would marginalise the company. His vision and enthusiastic tenure, which led to his knighthood, is drawing to a close next summer, but Sir Peter leaves in the knowledge that his thriving company will be in the capable hands of choreographer David Bintley, his chosen successor.

Bintley says his goal is to turn Birmingham Royal Ballet into a company second to none. He just might succeed.

Simon Tait on a change in the Opera House fortunes

The art of selling tickets twice

Two years ago the Royal Opera House was criticised for its financial management — by not one, but two separate reports. The solution it came up with seems like pantomime arithmetic: sell 102 per cent of seats as often as possible.

It can be done and it has been — most recently with the highly controversial Richard Jones *Rheingold* production. After critical reviews, some bookings were cancelled. When this happens, 90 per cent of the ticket price is returned with 10 per cent retained as a handling fee and the seat is sold again. When the house is full, as with *Rheingold*, the resold seats can push the box office income up to the value of 30 or 40 more seat sales than there are in the house.

"The key is to ensure that we sell every seat in the house," Clive Timms, the finance director, says. "That means careful programming and ticket pricing, but it is the central policy." Overall, the house was 87 per cent full last season.

In mid-1992, the ROH had a deficit which threatened to top £5 million. This was highlighted in the reports from Baroness Warnock, commissioned by the Arts Council, and from Price Waterhouse, commissioned by the ROH board.

Savings had to be made — while preserving artistic integrity — at a time of declining subsidy and with sponsorship threatened by the recession. Box office, too, was hit by the recession, but the first option was bringing in optimum income through ticket sales.

Mr Timms, the former financial director of ITN, came in to bring about the changes which the reports had called for. These suggested that the accumulated deficit, which in 1991-92 reached £3.6 million, could be paid off by April, a year earlier than planned.

Box office accounts for almost half the ROH's income. The Arts Council grant, £19.5 million last year, is worth 36 per cent of the £53 million income, and £8 million comes from sponsorship and fund raising.



Clive Timms: "progress"

"We have to look at ways of improving on that income — and we're not looking at increasing prices but ensuring we don't have any empty seats," Mr Timms says. But the task of "putting our house in order", as the ROH describes it, is more complicated than simply narrowing the ratio of bums to seats.

Running an opera house is labour-intensive, with 50 per cent of income going on the payroll.

"This art is about people performing and we're looking at ways of using our people more efficiently," Mr Timms says. "Costs can run out of control quite easily in the pursuit of artistic excellence. Spending decisions have to be taken almost instantaneously. It's what makes the work fresh and vibrant and different, but there is a cost."

There have already been redundancies and pay was frozen for a year. Working practices have had to change, and this has meant hard union negotiations. "In the maintenance area, for example, it means looking at what work is done in-house and what by contractors," Mr Timms says.

Artists' work practices, too, are under scrutiny, with the system of rehearsal calling, which can mean performers waiting for hours before starting work, being examined. Directors are being asked to examine the numbers of non-singing actors and the size of choruses.

They will also balance the importance of one production against another in terms of artistic merit, and weigh up box office potential against cost — a revival of Borodin's *Prince Igor* has been lost in this analysis.

The opera house is not a normal business organisation. Its 900-plus personnel keep the operation going 24 hours a day and seven days a week. "You try to adjust," Mr Timms says, "and at the same time try to make sure that you don't reduce the earnings of employees."

Their support is essential. After a warning in May last year that there might be no pay rise because of the tightness of the budget, things looked up enough for an offer of a 2.3 per cent across-the-board increase to be put on the table.

"From the outside, the artistic process is quite inefficient," Mr Timms says. "Warnock and Price Waterhouse did good work, but the best way of getting managers to change is for them to think of the ideas themselves. That means feeding them information so they can see what's going wrong, identify why and then letting them improve, and that's where we've made real progress."

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2001: a Verdi odyssey

The Verdi anniversary is a great excuse for a festival

Giuseppe Verdi was one of the most prolific composers of opera, and remains one of the most performed. The taste for his monumental themes couched in stirring, popular tunes remains unabated. In the next seven years to the centenary of his death in 2001, the Royal Opera is presenting all 28 of Verdi's operas. Sir Edward Downes, the Royal Opera's assistant music director, claims that it will be the first significant Verdi festival to have been held anywhere.

The idea emerged almost three years ago when Sir Edward and Paul Findlay, who was then Covent Garden's director of opera, discussed scheduling more Verdi at the end of the main season, when audiences usually begin to drift away. Mr Findlay then said to Sir Edward: "Why not do all of Verdi?" Doubts on the Opera House board were removed by the huge popular success of Verdi's *Attila* and *Stiffelio* at the Garden, and the idea took hold.

Such an ambitious scheme inevitably raised daunting logistical problems. Taking the 2001 centenary as the concluding year determined a pattern of four operas a year. Verdi, particularly early in his career, had been a highly practical musician, composing according to the tastes and vocal resources of the companies that commissioned him.

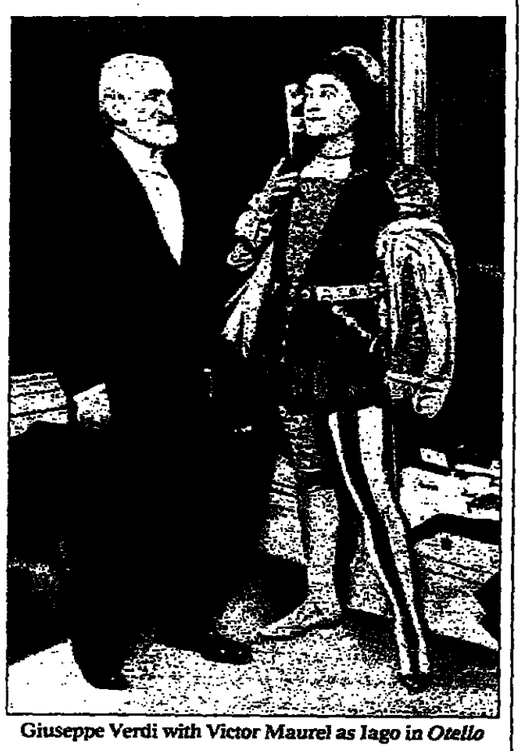
Because of this and because of the availability today of the best and most suitable leading singers, and the schedule's demands on chorus and orchestra, as well as for reasons of musical interest, a straightforward chronological sequence was ruled out. But, as Sir Edward says: "In opera, you cut your coat according to your cloth."

Sir Edward has had the awesome task of marshalling these unruly forces into a whole satisfying to the public and the Verdi specialist alike. Different themes in the *oeuvre* — Verdi in London, the influence of Byron, the Adriatic and Ligurian Sea — will be fleshed out each year in a programme of new productions, co-productions and revivals.

This, the first year, will see Sir Edward again conducting *Stiffelio*. Bernard Haitink, the music director, will conduct *Simon Boccanegra*, Sir Georg Solti *La traviata* and Daniele Gatti *I due Foscari*, with further performances of *Un ballo in maschera*. Collaborations are planned with other British and foreign companies, including the Welsh National Opera, Rome Opera and the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris. Juxtaposed with the fully staged productions at Covent Garden, selected Verdi revisions and reworkings can be heard in concert performances on the South Bank and elsewhere.

That there is a serious academic intent behind the festival is borne out by the existence of the specially convened Verdi Festival Consultative Committee, which comprises leading Verdians from around the world. Experts and practitioners will give lectures, play-readings and talks on aspects of Verdi's works. For academics, the high point will be the Verdi conference in June this year.

Another variable in the equation is what will be done while the Opera House closes for redevelopment in 1997. Suitable venues will have to accommodate the planned productions. The Theatre Royal Drury Lane is a possibility, as are Sadler's Wells and the long-defunct Lyceum. Nicholas Payne, the present opera director, has promised that the Royal Opera will retain a strong presence in London until the refurbishment is completed, expected to be in late 1999. Throughout it all, the Verdi Festival should provide a solid anchor.



Giuseppe Verdi with Victor Maurel as Iago in *Otello*

Festivals on the scale of the Verdi event may be the exception at Covent Garden, but they are not unique. Since the end of last year, the Royal Ballet has been paying tribute to Frederick Ashton, its founder choreographer. Its short festival of 12 ballets and divertissements continues this year with a new production of *Rhapsody*. And the Royal Opera House lives cheek by jowl with the Covent Garden Festival, with its special emphasis on emerging talent in opera and musical theatre.

But if anyone needs other ideas, the year 2013, as Sir Edward helpfully points out, is the bicentenary of the birth of both Wagner and Verdi. This one could run and run.

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CINEMA: Patrice Chéreau's gory epic reviewed; Ang Lee interviewed; and a Hindemith film score revived

French lesson in bloodshed

NEW FILMS: **Geoff Brown** contemplates a religious massacre, a Taiwanese banquet and a botched robbery

La Reine Margot
Curzon Mayfair
18, 145 mins
Bloody slab of French history

Eat Drink Man Woman
Curzon West End
PG, 124 mins
Tasty successor to "The Wedding Banquet"

Killing Zoe
Odeon Haymarket
18, 96 mins
Callous and showy bank robbery drama

Nostradamus
Odeon West End
15, 120 mins
Preposterous Euro-pudding

Red and black are the dominant colours of *La Reine Margot*, a bludgeoning, occasionally impressive drama from the Dumas novel about France's 16th-century religious wars. The producer is Claude Berri, lord of patriotic French cinema; the director Patrice Chéreau, who has made five previous films but is best known in the theatre and opera house.

Red is for blood, naturally. It trickles from severed heads and stacked bodies; it is smeared on walls and clothing after the St Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Later, it sweats through the facial pores of the Catholic French king, Charles IX. Red is also for the plush brocade and other fineries at the enforced wedding of Charles's sister Margot and the uncouth Protestant, Henri of Navarre: she must be pushed from behind to utter "I do".

Black is the colour of Catherine de Medici, the hollow-eyed mother from hell who dominates her royal dynasty, and spends the last reels skulking in the shadows like Max Schreck's vampire from the old German classic *Nosferatu*. Black is for the lighting, too: the candle-lit apartments of the Louvre Palace have the ominous gloom of a tomb.

This striking colour palette never dominates at the expense of the cast. Aside from set-piece splurges, faces are everything for Chéreau. His relentless close-ups make for clumsy cinema at times, though when the faces belong to Isabelle Adjani, Daniel Auteuil, Jean-Hugues Anglade and Virna Lisi, there are also obvious benefits.

In the wedding scenes Adjani looks stiff as a taxidermist's exhibit, but she softens considerably when the horror mounts, quivering with guilt and compassion. Auteuil scarcely looks the 19 years of the historic Henri de Navarre; otherwise, he fits like a glove, and supplies welcome humour as the uncouth Huguenot forced to become a political puppet. Virna Lisi's Catherine de Medici seethes impressively with malevolence and lust, while Anglade gives an unnerving performance as the loose canon, King Charles, consumed with rage, madness and, ultimately, poison.

La Reine Margot lacks the visual flow, varied spectacle, and emotional pull of the greatest historical epics, and is not the work of a natural filmmaker. But a cold dip in a bloodbath can be bracing, especially when many so-called "heritage" films are debilitated by too much good taste. No chance of that here. Seeing Jean-Claude Brialy's Coligny, the Protestant Admiral of France, lying prostrate, head half decapitated, a brute finishes the dislocation with a swift kick of the boot.

Before you see **Eat Drink Man Woman**, and you should, you must have a good meal. Otherwise, you might faint at the sight of so much Taiwanese food being diced, sliced, shaken, stirred, and served up sizzling. Over a hundred dishes went into the making of Ang Lee's successor to *The Wedding Banquet*. There are Steamed Deer Spare Ribs with Ginger in a Pumpkin Pot, Dragon Playing in the Sea, and a host of other delights prepared on-screen with the kinetic editing usually reserved for a car chase.

Clearly, Ang Lee (interviewed, right) likes his food. But he likes even more food's role as a social metaphor, especially in Chinese society, where ritual communal meals can paper over cracks in family life. Lee's main character, the widowed Mr Chu (Sihung Lung), is Taipei's chief culinary wizard, and regularly serves up gourmet feasts for his three grown daughters, who still live at home. But no matter how dazzling the cuisine, the family cracks loom larger than ever, over matters of love and career ambitions, and the gulf between generations. Mr Chu cannot even enjoy his own meals: his tastebuds have gone dead.

Ang Lee, born in Taiwan, but trained in cinema in America, explored similar themes in his widely popular *The Wedding Banquet*. *Eat Drink Man Woman*, the first of his films to be shot in his homeland, is a deeper, more accomplished work. Lee juggles the Chu family's lives in swiftly-cut scenes. The youngest daughter works part-time at a fast food outlet; the eldest is a spinster schoolteacher, burnt by a past love affair. The third is an ambitious airline executive who has had enough of her father's company, and moves out.

Lee is so concerned with the detail and texture of these lives that the plot's pattern takes a long while emerging. But by the end, enough solid topics have been explored to make this serious, funny and sensuous film quash the old joke about Chinese meals that leave you still feeling hungry.

Killing Zoe, written and directed by Roger Avary, is the kind of film where someone douses a cigarette by tossing it into a pool of blood. Since this is a film à la Tarantino — the man himself served as executive producer, and worked with Avary writing *Pulp Fiction* — blood is readily available. Bullets fly and bodies crumple as a gang make a botch of robbing a Paris bank, their faculties impaired by the previous night's overdose of drink, heroin and Dixieland jazz. The leader is Jean-Hugues Anglade, as unhinged and unkempt as his Charles IX in *La Reine Margot*. Eric Stoltz plays the group's wary American safecracker; while Julie Delpy takes care of Zoe, who never gets killed and scarcely exists as a character.

As a report on the human condition the film is distinctly unedifying. But as a genre exercise, it delivers the goods in a fashion callous and showy enough to mark Avary as a man to watch.

"The 20th century will be especially terrible," the visionary doctor pronounces in **Nostradamus**. He must have foreseen this film biography, a potty enterprise, shot in Romania, that appears stranded in the wasteland between expensive, respectable historical recreation and cheerful B-movie fantasy.

The cast comes scooped from the earth's corners. Roger Christian, a British director lost to commercials since his 1982 thriller *The Sender*, supplies scattered visual pleasures. But this is one of those films over which you can only shake your head and smile.



Troubled monarchs: Jean-Hugues Anglade and Isabelle Adjani in *La Reine Margot*

Jane Austen for dessert

Joe Joseph meets Ang Lee, whose latest film continues his fascination with the gastronomic things in life

First there was the gastronomic fiesta of *The Wedding Banquet*, now comes *Eat Drink Man Woman*, in which Ang Lee's camera lingers so long and lovingly in a master chef's kitchen that the movie could be cut up and repackaged as a home video course on Chinese cookery. So just what is it with you and food, Ang?

"Food is a passion," says the diffident Taiwanese-born director, whose magical talent for kneading family melodramas leavened with humour has brought him to the attention of Hollywood, though he is not quite ready to reshape his plots in a way that would allow Schwarzenegger a big wok action scene. "Food has become a trademark of my films. But I think I've got it out of my system with this one." Which may be just as well, since Lee's next pay cheque comes from directing Emma Thompson's screenplay of *Sense And Sensibility* — unless, of course, Thompson leans more heavily on Delia Smith than on Jane Austen.

"Food is a big part of Chinese culture, with its own philosophy. 'Eat drink man woman' is an old Chinese saying which underlines the fact that food and sex are the biggest desires of human life. My father is a very good cook. I still cook a lot for my family in New York when I'm not away filming on location."

Eat Drink Man Woman, about a tongue-tied widower who communicates with his three grown-up daughters by cooking extravagant Sunday night banquets, is "about the deconstruction of the family, which is a miniature of what is happening in our culture," says Lee. But it is not autobiographical.

Though filmed entirely in Taiwan, and screened with subtitles, the film has escaped art-house bondage and drawn rave reviews in America and made audiences swoon when it opened Directors' Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival last year. But Lee says he "didn't deliberately set out to make a film for America".

So how did something like *Sense And Sensibility*, which is about as Chinese as a milkshake, vault into his schedule?

"God knows! They found me. When I received it I thought, why did they send it to me? Then, when I read the script, I realised. Some of the scenes are identical to those in *Eat Drink Man Woman* — like the two sisters arguing, how they accuse one another of concealing things from each other, about matrimony.

"The blend of romantic drama and satiric comedy; viewing change in society through the process of marriage; seeing how a person fits into a changing society — these are common themes with my films. Also I think that Taiwanese culture today is closer to 19th-century English culture than English society is — that filial piety, that indirectness when dealing with other people."



Lee: "Food has become a trademark of my films"

It will be Lee's first film without any Chinese in the cast. Filming begins in April, with Thompson as Elinor Dashwood and probably Hugh Grant as Edward Ferrars. After that? Lee wants to make a film of *Ice Storm*, a family drama by the American novelist, Rick Moody. "It's gutsy and could be disturbing, but it's also very funny." And — you have to ask — "No. There's no food in it."

New peak of creativity

David Robinson on a rediscovered marriage of music and image

Saturday's Barbican screening of *Im Kampf mit dem Berge* (*A Fight with the Mountain*), with its original orchestral score by Paul Hindemith performed live by Helmut Imig and the London Sinfonietta, is an unprecedented dual rediscovery. The negative was destroyed in 1940, and it was long believed that no positive copy existed. The score was unknown until it turned up in Hindemith's papers after his death in 1963, and until last year had never been performed.

The film was a prototype of a peculiarly German genre, "the mountain film". Its director Arnold Fanck (1889-1974) was the father and chief exponent of the school.

Fanck built up a specialist team of technicians. At least two of the non-professional actors he recruited went on to greater things: Luis Trenker became a star and director; Leni Riefenstahl achieved notoriety with her cinematic glorifications of Nazism.

Fanck's films, all shot in the open air, were remarkable at a time when most German filmmakers, absorbed in Expressionist artifice, were confined to studio sets. Even today the subtlety and virtuosity of the black and white images are astonishing.

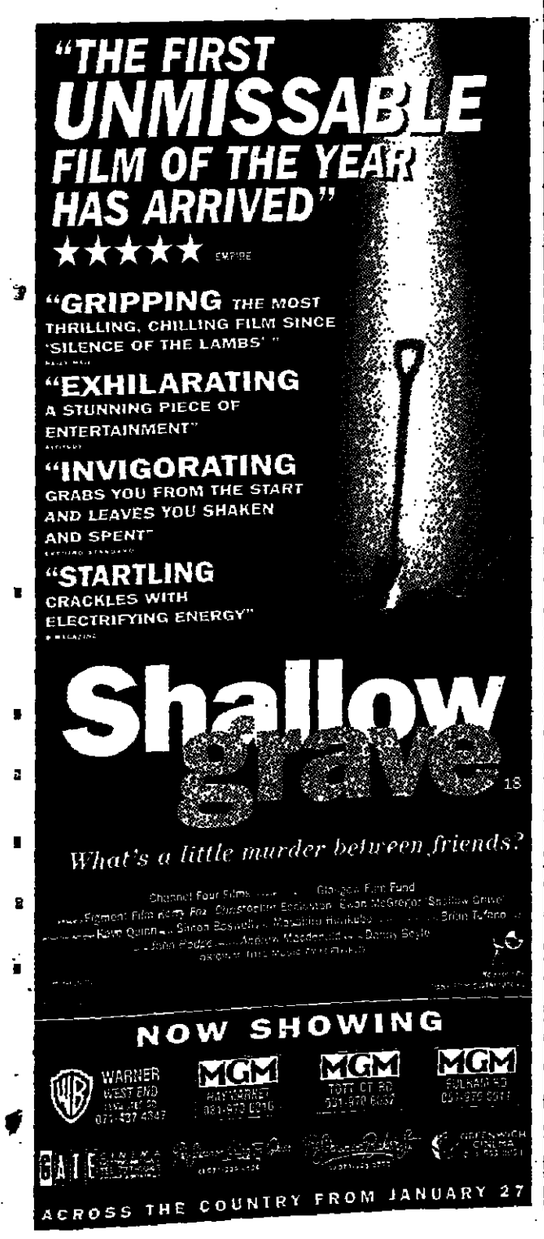
Hindemith and Fanck met when the 25-year-old composer fled from the scandal caused by his first short operas. Hindemith was excited by the affinity between the two "arts of time", allegedly telling Fanck, "What you're doing IS music". The two artists worked closely together.

Far in advance of most cinema music at the time, which was generally a haphazard collage of individual themes and leitmotifs, Hindemith's score is a continuous whole. Perhaps for this reason the score was never performed at the time: the musical directors of the cinemas complained that it would take too much rehearsal.

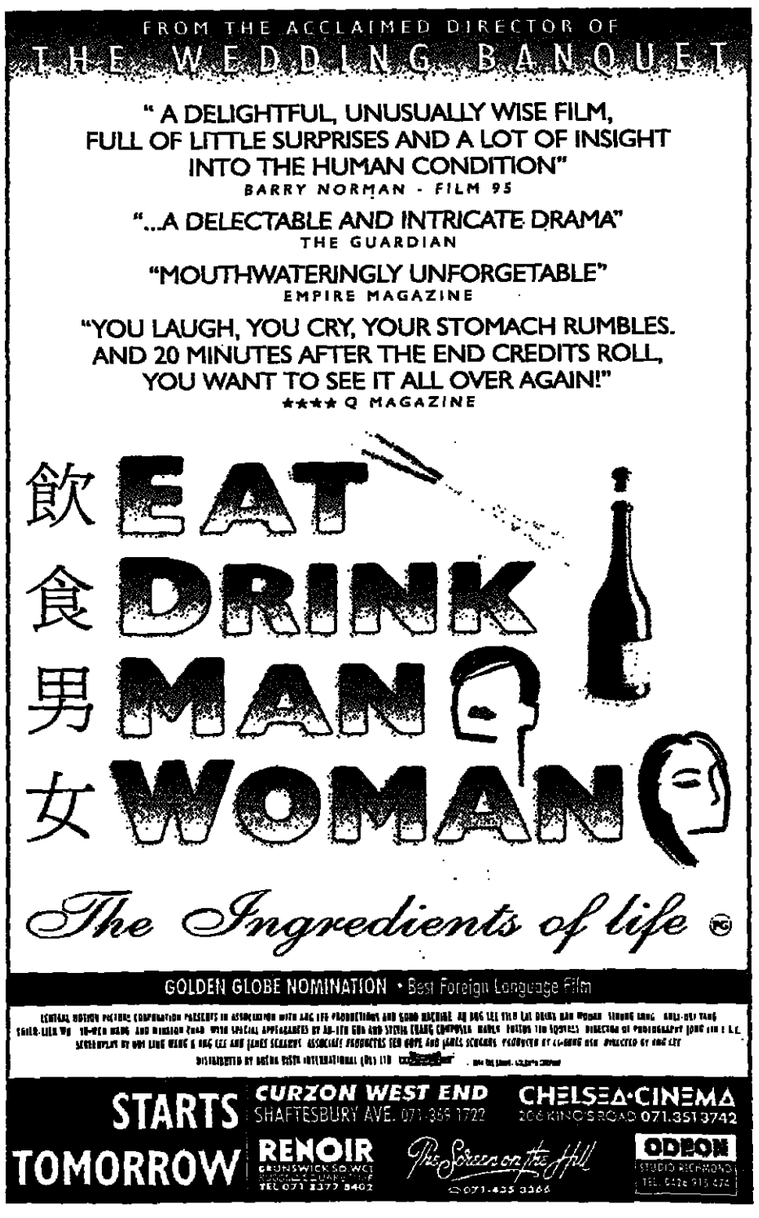
The marriage of the film and its score is due to the efforts of a German musicologist, Lothar Prox. Matching the two was not easy. However, there were enough cues and clues (like the moments where Hindemith provides appropriately dramatic accompaniment for the climbers' bold leaps) to edit the score appropriately.

So, after 74 years, Fanck and Hindemith's "pictorial symphony" finally reaches the screen. The music and the mountains marry in an oddly abstract composition that is also a touching souvenir of the optimistic, questing spirit of the Weimar era avant-garde.

● A Fight with the Mountain *is at the Barbican (071-638 8891) on Saturday at 3pm*







TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

TONIGHT AT THE SOUTH BANK: Frans Brüggen conducts the **Orchestra of the 18th Century** in a programme of Haydn's *Symphony No 92*, Beethoven's *Symphony No 5* and concert arias by Mozart; soprano Cyndia Sieden is the soloist (QEH). Meanwhile, English National Ballet sprinkles its fairy dust for the last performances of *The Nutcracker* and the PLG Young Artists New Year Series continues in the Purcell Room.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

THE DANCE OF DEATH: John Neville gives a rare stage appearance as Strindberg's infuriated husband, with Gemma Jones playing his comparably furious wife. Directed by Peter Stormare, the Hamlet in Bergman's production at the NT in 1987.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews begin tonight, 8pm, opens Jan 17, 7pm.

LSO BIRTHDAY BASH: Ivan Fischer conducts the opening concert of the London Symphony Orchestra's spring/ 90th birthday season with an all-Dvořák programme. Works include *Slavonic Dances Op 72 Nos 1&2*, *Legend No 10*, *Cello Concerto* and *Symphony No 7*; cellist Truls Mørk is the soloist.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BASINGSTOKE: *Sarah Brightman takes centre stage as the governess in* William Archibald's **The Innocents**, a *reworking of Henry James's wonderfully eerie ghost story, The Turn of the Screw*. Adrian Reynolds directs.
Haymarket, Wote Street (0256 465566). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat and Feb 1, 3pm. *Until Feb 4.*

SHREWSBURY: Britain's leading mask/mime group, Trestle Theatre Company, and the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group open a brief double-bill tour tonight. **Goblin Tale** is based on Christina Rossetti's poem and should be a heady mix of music, masks, mime and puppets, the commissioned score is from Aaron Jay Kernis. Stravinsky's **The Soldier's Tale** is a production first seen in 1992. On its way to the London International Mime Festival next week. Daniel Harding conducts.
Music Hall, The Square (0743 350763). *Tonight, 7.30pm. Then in* **Barnstaple** Sat (0271 24242) and **Bath** Sun (0225 826431)

PERTH: John Lill joins Walter Weller and the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** for the opening work of tonight's programme, Brahms's *Piano Concerto No 1*. Wagner's *Prelude and Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde* follows on and Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration* closes the performance.
City Hall (Tickets from Perth Theatre, 0738 621031). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tickets also at the door from 6.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Pre-Raphaelite Drawings, Japanese Imperial Craftsmen, final week (071-636 1555) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells; Christina Rossetti (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo, final week (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy**: The Painted Page (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate Clore Gallery** (071-887 8000) ... **V & A**: Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930, final week (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **BLASTED:** In Sarah Kane's hotel-room play, a burnt-out journalist tries to seduce his 20-year-old girlfriend and a lot goes wrong.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW3 (071-730 2554). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Jan 17 and 18, 7pm; until Feb 4.

□ **BROKEN GLASS:** Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; *mat Sat, 2.15pm*

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **GRIMM TALES:** Tim Supple's superb staging of these really *bloodthirsty tables. An amazing* evening. Unforgettable.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). *Tonight, 7pm; Mon-Sat, at* different times. Until Jan 21.

□ **PETER PAN - THE BRITISH MUSICAL:** *Ron Moody and Nicola* Stapleton in a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5080). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats most days, 2.30pm. Until Jan 21.

■ **LEOCADIA:** Timberlake Wertenbaker's new translation of Anouilh's enchanting *pièce rose*, staged here in 1954 as *Time Remembered*. Presented by Genera-tion X Theatre Co and directed by Jonathan Cognac.
New End, New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Opens tonight, 8pm. *Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sun, 5pm.* Until Feb 5

◪ **THE RIVALS:** Richard Cottrell's likeable production from Chichester, with Patricia Routledge's splendidly wild Mrs Malaprop like a lace-encrusted windmill.
Albery, *St Martin's Lane, WC2* (071-867 1115). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today and Sat 3pm. Final week.

□ **A TALE OF TWO CITIES:** Alexis Denisof plays Darnay and Timothy Walker is Sydney Carton in Matthew Francis's version of the Dickens epic. Self-sacrifice, the guillotine and lots of knitting.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Feb 4

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits *petrify into grim old age. Superb* performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ *THE VENETIAN TWINS:* Michael Bogdanov's knockabout production loses some of Goldoni's comedy. David Troughton plays both twins; Ranjit Bolt translates.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat today and Sat, 2pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ... □ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ... □ **Hamlet**: Gielgud (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) ... □ **On Approval**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... □ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty), (071-494 5090) ... □ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (071-369 1734) ... ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (071-369 1731) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**: Strand (071-930 8800) ... □ **The Queen and I**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... □ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... □ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

LOVE, CHEAT & STEAL (18): Failed film noir from new director William Curran, with Madchen Amick, John Lithgow and Eric Roberts.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

STARGATE (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18): Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. With Mia Sara, Ron Silver. Director, Peter Hyams.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15): Inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) *Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)* **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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DEAR DIARY (15): Delightful, freewheeling film journal from Italian actor-director Nanni Moretti.
Curzon West End (071-369 1722) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons.
Warner (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

◆ *THE PAGEMASTER* (U): *Macaulay Culkin, in cartoon form, enjoys bland adventures in the world of books.* Joe Johnston, Maurice Hunt direct.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

PRINCESS CARABOO (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl *believed to be a Far Eastern princess.* With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea, Wendy Hughes. Director, Michael Austin.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

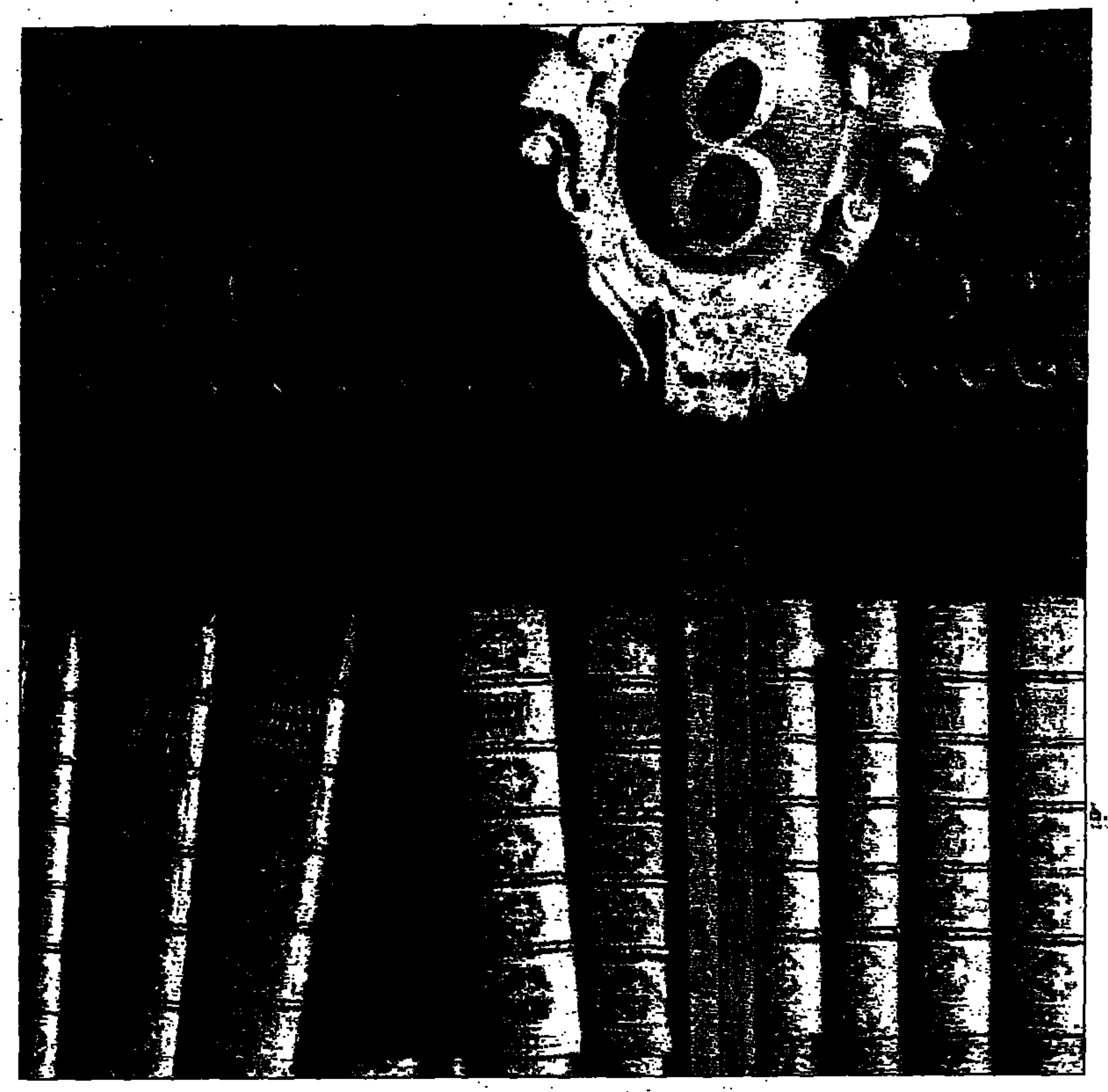
◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic *weaves together three tales from the LA* underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
Clapham Picture House (071-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
Clapham Picture House (071-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U): Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya", caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-369 1720)

Pepys's books balanced

After centuries, one of the world's great libraries has finally been catalogued. Jim McCue reports



Surmounted by its original cartouche, the eighth of Pepys's nine bookcases contains part of his 3,000-volume library. Leather-trimmed wooden stands raise the smaller books so that the tops align perfectly

Three hundred years after its formation, the library of Samuel Pepys has at last been fully catalogued. *Since 1724 the diarist's* great collection has been housed at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he was educated, but only recently has the 16-volume catalogue been completed, under the general editorship of the late Robert Latham.

After a distinguished career as Secretary to the Royal Navy and *President of the Royal Society*, Pepys devoted his final years to putting his books, manuscripts and *prints* in methodical order, "the whole employment and pleasure of my little remainders of life depending upon its finishing". The books, mostly in uniform bindings done for *him*, are *still* kept in the earliest known glass-fronted bookcases, also made to his design.

Just as the *Diary*, published definitively between 1970 and 1983, gives a portrait of 17th-century domestic life, so the library gives an intimate and *personal glimpse of one man's intellec*tual concerns. As one of the earliest and most catholic of gentleman collectors, he was aware of the importance and unity of the library, and determined that it should be preserved as an example of his individual taste and connoisseurship. *His ideal wish* was that it should be passed down through "a constant Succession of Heirs", but he could not be sure that this way it would remain inviolate. So, after giving his nephew John Jackson a lifetime's interest, he left the library to his old college, with the proviso that no book should ever be added or removed.

A century earlier Sir Thomas Bodley had left Oxford a "standing annual rent, to be disbursed every year in buying of books" for his ever-growing library, and negotiated an agreement with the Stationers' Company that secured for it a copy of every new book. Pepys, on the other hand, was determined that his collection should *not* be added to, and should remain quite separate from the "public" (university) library at Cambridge.

Knowing how jealously Cambridge colleges guard their independence, he ensured compliance with the terms of his bequest by giving Trinity an annual *right of inspection* of his library. Should Magdalene ever be shown to have broken the rules, the whole collection could legally be claimed by Trinity.

Although Pepys and Jackson prepared a manuscript catalogue (itself *now published in facsimile*), the need for a thorough modern conspectus of the library has been agreed since 1906. The problem has been one of scale. There are precisely 3,000 physical volumes — the round number is typical of Pepys — but in many cases several *titles are bound together. Additionally,* Pepys read French and Spanish, and wanted one book in every known script, even if he could not understand it; his Chinese book bears his bookplate at the back and upside-down.

Nor is the collection restricted to printed books. It contains many of Pepys's personal papers: the shorthand *manuscript of the Diary itself*, the evidence of his innocence which Pepys collected when maliciously charged with high treason in the 1670s, and a mass of materials for a history of the Navy which he contemplated writing. Charles II gave Pepys a magnificent armament roll depicting the Navy of *Henry VIII, ship by ship*, and Pepys also gathered manuscripts on shipwrightry, the Spanish Armada's victualler's book, and Francis Drake's autographed tidal almanac, with an inserted chart much worn around the entrance to the Channel.

Beyond his personal concerns, Pepys was also able to buy illuminated manuscripts, the earliest of which (from about 1350) was almost as old to him then as his contemporary books are to us now.

Being a natural administrator, Pepys solved the *bibliophile's* perennial problem of space by ordering his books *strictly by height*. They are marshalled irrespective of subject in the cases from No 1, the smallest, to No 3,000, a huge medical folio with pop-up pictures. This makes the catalogue *vital, because a volume of Shakespeare* may well stand between books on *astronomy* and heraldry, a Chaucer between ornithology and architecture. Just occasionally a volume was the wrong size because a publisher changed formats in the middle of a set. Rather than break the military precision of his parade, Pepys had individual wooden *stands made for these mis*fits, with leather trims to match the bindings.

Richard Luckett, the present Pepys Librarian, says preparation of the catalogue brought to light one or two items not previously identified (such as a chapbook describing the Battle of Glenlivet, bound in with other pam*phlets*), *but has principally emphasised* the methodical nature of Pepys's own classification. In a list of his drama collection — which included Racine and Molière as well as a Shakespeare folio — Pepys is as pedantic as Polonius, allocating places under "comedy", "tragedy", "tragi-comedy" and "*history*".

"The recent work has highlighted the importance of John Evelyn, Pepys's fellow diarist, on the nature of his collecting," Luckett says. "One of the books, for instance, is Evelyn's translation of Gabriel Naudé's guidance on ordering a library, which he presented to Pepys. And Evelyn told Pepys about book auctions — and especially manu*script auctions — at a time when they* were only just beginning."



> ‘ Pepys wanted one book in every script, even if he could not understand it ’

The *new* catalogue has separate volumes devoted to Ballads; Prints and Drawings; Music, Maps and Calligraphy; and Manuscripts. The special bindings, such as those on books from royal libraries or by famous identifiable craftsmen, are themselves the subject of an important study.

Some of Pepys's books are unique survivors, and many were obviously important (he had, for instance, seven printed by Caxton). But in other fields, he was deliberately preserving ephemeral *items for posterity. For example,* he collected ballads, beginning with the "Agincourt Victory Song", at a time when these trivial populist productions were on the wane. Although these sheets were virtually valueless individually, ballad anthologies (which drew extensively on Pepys's collection) were to enjoy a great vogue in later centuries. His subject headings explain why, as they range from "Marriage, cuckoldry &c" and "Tragedy, viz Murders, Executions, Judgments of God &c" to "Humour, Frollicks &c mixt" — *still the staff of popular journalism.*

There is material here for all manner of historical study, including maps, cartoons, drawings, portraits, costumes and systems of shorthand. And discoveries continue to be made. In the field of prints, Evelyn urged Pepys to eschew capriccios and fantasy in favour of real subjects, such as actual *buildings and landscapes, which now,* of course, have the greater documentary value. Among the contemporary prints gathered by Pepys, the work of the engraver Wenceslaus Hollar stands out for its range and freshness. Born in Prague, Hollar worked extensively in London and engraved the City as seen from Southwark both before *and after the Great Fire. His extensive oeuvre* has never been reproduced in full, but when it is, many of his prints and drawings will be found in Pepys's portfolios.

● *The full catalogue is published by Boydell & Brewer (£1,250)*

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Take that off and party

Alan Jackson wonders what will be revealed next to make teenage pulses race faster



Take That, the Osmonds of today. Their bare-faced cheek can be amusing and entertaining, but is pop going hardcore to attract jaded teenagers?

Just back from my local news agency, I turn the pages of a magazine which boasts a nipple count to rival even that of the *Daily Sport*. You might assume I've been trawling along the top shelf, but it's not the case. And I should mention that the chests in question are male, not female. Welcome to the world of *Smash Hits*, required reading for many of the nation's younger schoolgirls (and more than a few gay men, it's safe to say). This is a world in which shirts are made to be wriggled out of, belt buckles to be loosened, muscles to be flexed ... all in the name of commerce. And the competition for famous flesh is fierce, I discover: "20 Cool Drools" promises a coverline to the current issue of a determined-not-to-be-outdone *Just Seventeen*.

If you're over 30, you may reflect that it wasn't like this when you were a teenager. You may even be moved to wonder what the young people of today are coming to. Well, I'd be in no position to point an accusing finger. Though amused and entertained by the cheerful narcissism and bump-bearing costumes sported by teen heroes Take That on their recent tour, I admit I was taken aback by the wholly explicit sexual instructions shouted to American R 'n' B superstud R. Kelly by young girls at his London concerts last weekend. Pop sociologists may care to point out an essential socio-ethnic distinction at this point — the former act and its constituents are white, the latter black. All I know is, the Monkees always kept their tops on.

My first awareness of the concept of puppy love for pop stars came via a giant poster of that group's drummer, Mickey Dolenz, bought by my older sister in the summer of 1967 to decorate her bedroom wall. He was, thankfully, fully dressed in the photograph and, I thought, rather frightening-looking, but that didn't stop my father predicting it would all end in his daughter's downfall. It didn't, of course, and, in the inevitable way of these things, she soon transferred her teenage affections to some other protégé of a record company's marketing department. But the stakes have been raised considerably since then. From the Bay City Rollers, through Bros, to recent hopefuls Bad Boys Inc (this week dropped by their record company), each new wave of wannabes has had to try a little harder, bare a little more.

"The whole cultural climate means that teenagers today are much more conscious of sex," asserts Alex Kadis, former features editor of *Smash Hits* and author of a recent biography, *Take That: In Private*. "For instance, the 9pm watershed is a joke, because most of them have got TVs in their bedrooms and so have access to all sorts of adult programming without their parents' knowledge. Then there's whatever material they're reading, and the widespread use of nudity in advertising ... It's all culminated in the creation of a generation of teenagers who, though not necessarily more emotionally advanced than their predecessors, are definitely more sexually aware."

So while pasty-faced crooners with two left feet and bad dress sense may have done the business in years gone by (Donny Osmond, come on down!), more is required in our own post-Chippendalean era. Hunky male imagery is everywhere — even the prides of prime time have undergone a sea change. A decade ago, for example, pale, inarticulate car mechanics/shortorder chefs/no-good no-hopers with Mancunian accents and names like Brian Tilsley set the pulses of young females racing. Today, Our Brian would be no rival for young Bruce Surfboard and all the other bronzed, inarticulate car mechanics/shortorder chefs/no-good no-hopers with Sydney accents who populate the Oz soap operas watched by channel-grazing schoolgirls just home from class.

The result is that the new generation of aspirant male pop idols cannot hope to bluff their way to stardom with just a winsome smile and the ability to hold something approaching a tune. To be real contenders, they need bodies that could grace a centrefold (it's no accident that all of the

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current wave of Brit-popsters have courted that gay market as assiduously as the pocket money one), dance moves to cause even a gymnast sleepless nights, and the ability to hold that tune while simultaneously holding their crotches (R. Kelly, you're in a class of your own here!). Which favourite of yesteryear could compete in such conditions? David Cassidy might just have made it — after all, in 1973 he caused apoplexy among parents by being photographed coyly nude by Annie Leibowitz. Few others.

For could we really have coped with the spectacle of our own dear David Essex doing cartwheels while dressed in black latex trousers, the seat carefully cut out? Or of Cliff crooning "Bachelor Boy" while slowly rotating his hand over that region which lies due south of his waistband? I think not. Which is perhaps why the thirtysomething generation and beyond finds teen pop's new physicality fascinating but sometimes scary to observe. "You catch 11-year-olds practising bumping and grinding together at class discos and, though they're not aware it can be interpreted as a mating call, I'm aware of my instinct to find it obscene," says Sandra Redman, 36, who teaches 11 to 16-year-olds at Canning Town's Cumberland School in east London.

"Yet although allegiance to pop groups continues to be a way for children to define their identities — we're very close to East 17's home turf here, and among the younger ones there's constant rivalry between their fans and those of Take That — I'd agree that it's part of a wider phenomenon. Kids today have access to all manner of grown-up material that wasn't available when we were their age. They're just responding to the cultural conditions they see around them." When pressed, Redman admits to having had a teenage crush on Jermaine, prettiest of the then Jackson Five. Alex Kadis, meanwhile, says it was Rollermania that first got her: the love of one Woody in particular.

Whatever the era of that first crush, then — and whether or not the object of affection kept his buttons done up or willingly shrugged it all off at the first sight of a flashbulb — it seems that teen-idol worship is a phase that most girls go through, a rite of passage almost. Though perfectly willing to speculate on whether the trend to ever-greater body exposure will continue ("Quite possibly, if the European pop mags are anything to go by: they're full of 'bits'.") and whether or not Irish new kids Boyzone can really give Take That a run for their money ("Only if they can come up with good material of their own"), Kadis suggests that emotional maturity will kick in sooner or later.

"I loved Woody because he never said anything in interviews; I thought that made him mysterious," she says, smiling. "I realise now that he was probaby just sick."

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CONCERTS: New music: post-bop sax

A few slips twixt score and stage

PLG Young Artists Series
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Not every evening of the PLG Young Artists New Year Series can hope to match performing and composing skills in equal measure. On Tuesday it was the composers who were weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Things had begun promisingly enough at 6pm with the 23-year-old Latvian pianist Diana Ketler showing she had all the speed, strength and imagination to bring off the kinetic energy of Judith Weir's *The Art of Touching the Keyboard*. She did her duty, too, by three of John White's tiny, single-movement piano sonatas.

Ketler's compatriots, Peteris Vasks and Juris Karlsons, were made of tougher stuff. Vasks's *Landscapes of the Burned-out Earth* dates from 1992 when Latvia's independence had just been restored. The work's polarised gestures of bright, high percussive shocks and low, rumbling aftershocks gradually become connected, meeting in powerful octaves, and gradually becalmed to a final, ambiguous peace.

Karlsons's *Sonata No 2* offered three movements of post-modernist bric-à-brac, which was relieved by Ketler's beautifully played encore of two Scriabin Poems. The young Swiss harpist, Patrizia Meier, shared a stimulating if somewhat over-extended 7.30pm concert with the equally accomplished Onyx Brass ensemble. I particularly enjoyed her London premiere of Dennis Eberhard's *'Especially...'*.

And I particularly disliked the shallow pretence of Georges Aperghis's *Fidelité pour harpiste seule regardée par un homme* in which Meier was required to chatter fragmented French words into the strings and into the darkness for 25 minutes.

Best and worst of the brass? Well, they began with Philip Wilby's splendid *Partita on the Krakov Fanfare*, a cunning exploration in space and time of the capabilities and musical history of trumpet, tuba, horn and trombone. And they ended with John White's *Doggerel Machine*, an aptly-named premiere of one of this year's PLG commissions.

HILARY FINCH

Pop of the bops

George Coleman
Ronnie Scott's

Memphis-born tenor man George Coleman plays in precisely the manner his physical appearance leads one to expect: his is a rugged but sinewy sound produced by a solid, six-foot frame. Firmly in charge from the moment he stepped to the microphone and launched himself into his first solo on the old warhorse "Green Dolphin Street", he remained in complete control thereafter, producing a set which could have served as an hour-long masterclass in post-bop saxophone playing.

Although considerably aided by a bleak yet utterly dependable British rhythm section — Julian Joseph (piano), Dave Green (bass) and Mark Taylor (drums) — and sharing front-line duties with the doyen of English alto men, Peter King, Coleman is the quintessential jazz soloist. His impeccable technique enabled him instantly to translate an apparently inexhaustible flow of musical ideas into vigorous improvisations.

The intense physicality of Coleman's playing and the grainy harshness of his tone can render his music easier to admire than to love. But he retains just enough of a blues sensibility gained from his early days on the road with B.B. King to enable him to infuse his bop standards with what has been called — by commentator Brian Priestley — "a cry that gives the lie to the surface equanimity of the sound". Thus, although Coleman's playing seldom makes the direct appeal to listeners' emotions that Peter King's alto feature, "I Can't Get Started", clearly made to this audience, he remains a master of his instrument.

Coleman is being supported, for his annual week in Frith Street, by a French quintet, called Le Bextet after their leader, Hammond organist Emmanuel Bex. They dispense a heady, enjoyable mix of slick jazz and Caribbean music, the effect of the latter ingredient considerably heightened by the infectious bounce imparted to their sound by Guillaume Kervel on steel drum and percussion.

CHRIS PARKER

DANCE: Radical moves from a master

Mystery journey from there to here

Rosemary Butcher is our most neglected choreographer. For two decades she has sought to dissolve artistic borders and explore, as she says, "a new language that has its own context away from theatre". In so doing, she has produced work of radical innovation and subtle, refined perfection.

She has often preferred art galleries as her setting, and her latest piece, *After The Last Sky*, at the Royal College of Art until Sunday, follows that custom. At the same time, though, it marks a new departure. *After The Last Sky* has no dancers — at least none in the flesh. Instead they are video images on the four walls of a square, darkened space: almost life-sized figures that loom out at you and can be identified as some of Butcher's loyal band of dancers. They include Butcher's longest-standing collaborator, the wonderful, fine-drawn Dennis Greenwood, as well as Jonathan Burrows, an admired choreographer in his own right whose style testifies to his indebtedness to Butcher.

Rosemary Butcher
RCA

As a spectator you stand surrounded, almost like a dancer yourself. You watch Burrows on one wall bend over to clutch his foot; you see Deborah Jones on another wall; you swerve round to where Finn Walker has appeared, the back of her silhouette on the third wall, front of her silhouette on the fourth. The figures change, sometimes simultaneously replicated on other walls, sometimes not. They perform repeated phrases of movement, shown in synchronisation or out on other walls, or counter-pointed by other movements.

The permeations are so complex you can't possibly take them in at one viewing. Even so Butcher and the video artist, David Jackson, have taken pains not to topple into visual overload and gimmickry. The film's four contrasted sections contribute a sense of coherence: in the middle sections shifting rectangles of vast coloured landscapes superimpose themselves on the figures; in the last comes split-screening, so that, for example, Greenwood's sequence of glances is shown from three different angles on one wall. Small details seem magnified.

You would never guess that Butcher's starting point was Edward Said's book on Palestinians (although she takes her title from it). Or that the composer, Simon Fisher Turner, collected all his material from everyday sounds in Israel before distorting them. *After The Last Sky* has travelled through several transforming doors before emerging with its own highly distinct identity.

It is billed as an installation, and, like much of Butcher's work, it fuses dance with art, performance with exhibition. Only 20 minutes long, it runs on a continuous loop so visitors can go in at any point. It is unmissable.

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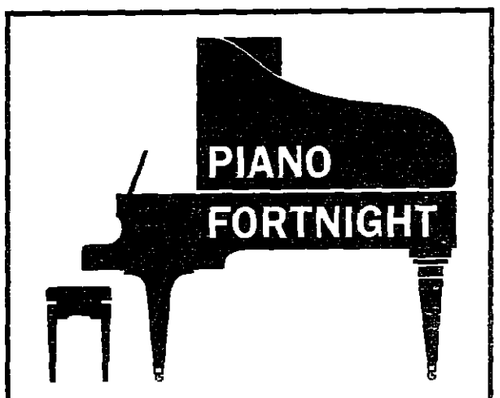
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The primer of life

Derwent May

finds food for thought in an ingenious novel about philosophy

Keats said that "philosophy will clip an angel's wings". Modern British philosophers have been busy clipping philosophers' wings as well, having decided that most of traditional metaphysics is sheer linguistic nonsense, referring to absolutely nothing. The British, by and large, have been only too happy to agree.

On the Continent they see it all quite differently. A Norwegian teacher has written an introduction to philosophy for teenagers in the form of a novel, *Sophie's World*, and it is already a runaway bestseller in Scandinavia and Germany. It is published here now in a good translation by Paulette Møller — apart from the fact that it is in American English. It may prove puzzling to British readers when they find the 14-year-old Sophie sitting in a glider in her garden. Did it crash there? No, a glider in the States is a large swing.

Gaarder's story begins when Sophie, a small-town schoolgirl, gets a letter saying simply "Who are you?" Another follows, saying "Where does the world come from?" Mystified, she nevertheless begins to think about these questions — and soon fat letters start

SOPHIE'S WORLD
By Jostein Gaarder
Phoenix House, £16.99

arriving from her unknown correspondent, delicately introducing her to the history of philosophy.

Gaarder makes a strong, sensible decision at this point. He decides that Sophie will be fascinated by these letters, without going into the question of why she should be — and off she sets on her course, starting from scratch with Parmenides and Heraclitus. Descartes and Spinoza are visible in the middle distance. Kierkegaard and Sartre beckon on the horizon.

But this is also a novel — and there are many other things to intrigue Sophie. A large dog starts bringing the letters to her. A video tape arrives, with film of the Parthenon — and a middle-aged man with a blue beret and black beard standing in front of it.

This man proves to be her philosopher, Alberto Knox — and he introduces her in turn, by video, to Socrates and Plato, who are standing in the colonnade. Soon she meets Alberto in the flesh. He lives on the edge of her town in a tumbledown, lakeside cottage, and there she starts her lessons.

More and more uncanny things begin to happen. Sophie receives some letters of a different kind — messages to pass on to a girl called Hilde, whose father, like Sophie's, is an army officer with the United Nations in Lebanon. Sophie dreams about a gold crucifix — and wakes up to find it under her pillow. It all begins to seem a bit too magical for an otherwise level-headed philosophy primer.

Then Gaarder springs his next trick. It turns out that the story we have been reading is actually a book within a book — it is a tale about Sophie and Alberto that has been written for the other girl, Hilde, who now comes on the scene as a "real" person. I don't want to give too much of the story away because it is attractively mystifying. But this twist must be mentioned because, as we shall see in a moment, it is ingeniously connected with one of the book's philosophical points.

Meanwhile, the summaries of the ideas of the great philosophers have been accumulating. They are well-done — rooted in confident knowledge, balanced, and enjoyably written. Sophie responds intelligently to them, and relates them to her life and other things she has been thinking about.

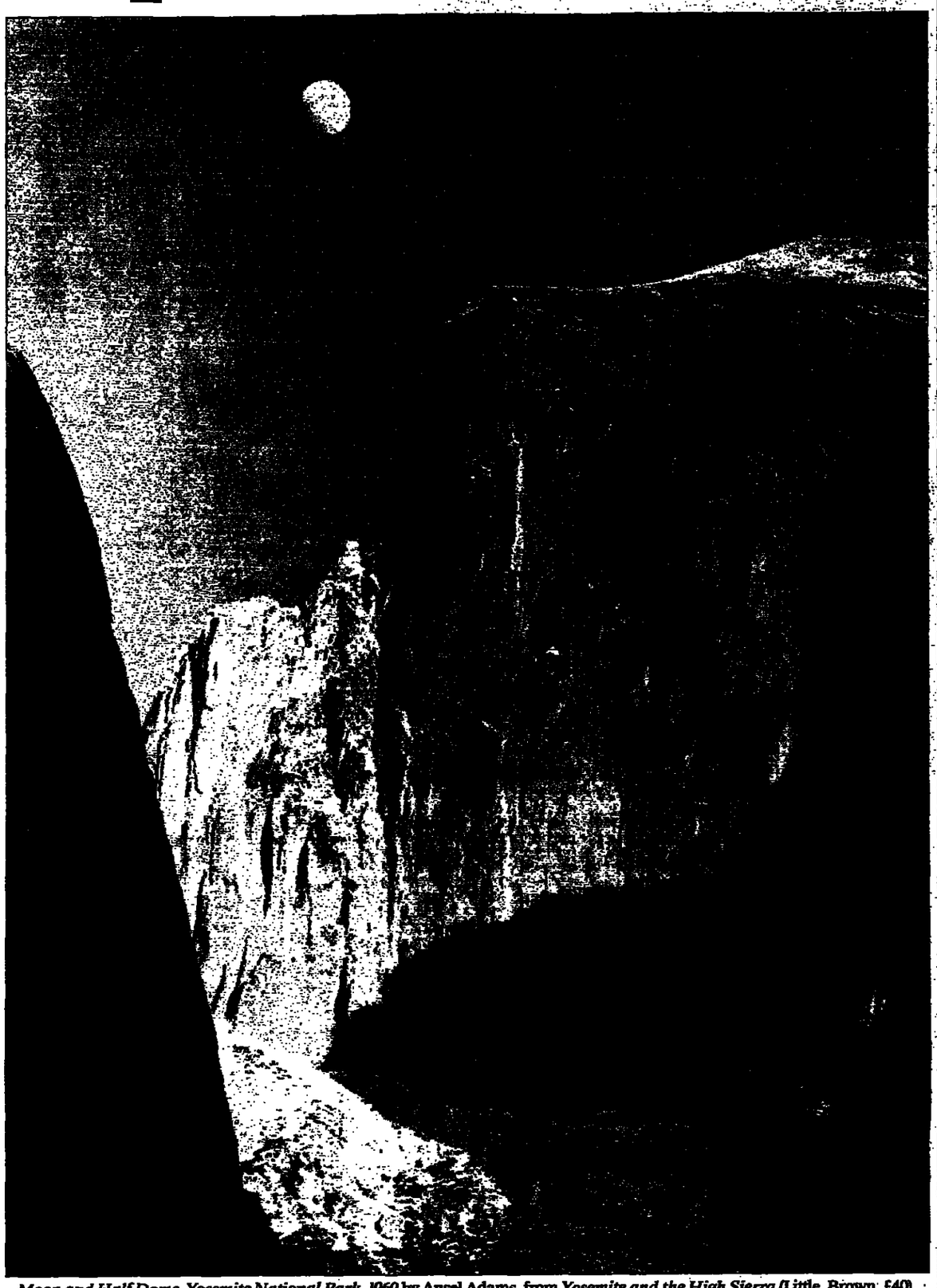
The sections on Kant and Hegel — perhaps the two most difficult challenges — show easily and freshly how some of their ideas are still commonly accepted, though few realise where they come from. For instance, there is our Kantian notion, perhaps all too common, that moral intentions may be good whatever their consequences, and our Hegelian idea that art is the supreme measure of a society's achievements.

But by now Sophie and Alberto are rebelling because they have realised that they are no more than characters in an author's mind. This absurdist twist comes just when the history of philosophy has reached Bishop Berkeley and his conviction that human beings "exist only in the mind of God". Sophie and Alberto are dramatically revealed as occupants of a Berkeleyan universe, with a novelist standing in for God — what's more, they know the fact and hate it! It is an effective educational joke.

It must be said that there is a touch of both canniness and political correctness about Gaarder. When he is talking to Sophie, Alberto pays exaggerated attention to the role that women have played both in the history of philosophy and in the thoughts of philosophers. This will undoubtedly help to endear *Sophie's World* to many of its young readers. Another thing is that Sophie is very pert, even rude, to Alberto, and lies quite freely to her mother about her movements when she is first meeting Alberto. This may also be a deliberate ploy to help teenagers to identify with Sophie.

The real problem for a book like this is that in spite of all Gaarder's charm and cunning, the majority of teenagers may simply never get interested in philosophy (how many young Germans, even, have received their copies as prizes or presents?) — while the handful who are genuinely excited by the subject will want the knotty argument which is the soul of philosophy, but which they will not find here.

However, if there *are* any British Sophies, they should rush out and buy the book immediately.



Moon and Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, 1960 by Ansel Adams, from *Yosemite and the High Sierra* (Little, Brown, £40). Adams was the greatest photographer of the High Sierra: his images of Half Dome invested it with the aura of a sublime mystery

No peace for the disinherited

Rachel Cusk

THE PRINCE OF WEST END AVENUE
By Alan Isler
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Alan Isler's *The Prince of West End Avenue* is that rare commodity, a witty social comedy with a tragic undertow, in which a present devoted to order suppresses a past bursting its banks with horrors. Isler is a 60-year-old academic, who was born and brought up in England but emigrated at 18 to the United States. This shard of biography suggests a conversance with the European consciousness in the New World: the cultural disfocation of the intellectual — and, here, Jewish — sensibility which thirsts nostalgically for a cultivated, pre-apocalyptic society from the mournful distance of one that is liberated but perceived as shallow.

The novel is set in the Emma Lazarus, a Jewish retirement home in Manhattan, where the protagonist, Otto Korner, has been living since the death of his second wife. Korner is a German Jew, driven into exile during the First World War by accusations of cowardice and during the Second by the Nazis. His arrival in America closed the door between an extraordinary life and an unremarkable one. Now in his eighties, Korner sets about writing his memoirs, of which this novel is ostensibly the result.

Isler's gallery of Jewish senior citizens, an irascible community awaiting transfer to "just south of Mineola, Long Island, where [they] will be taking up permanent subterranean residence", is a tribute to the lost art of caricature. Their confinement cleverly permits a comedy of manners to emerge when it is decided that they will stage a production of *Hamlet*.

Korner — a sovereign figure among the residents who has only half-unwittingly acquired a reputation for his intellect, sophistication and taste — sparks something of a revolution among them when he voices an objection to a proposed change in the play's wording — the substitution of a reference to Ophelia's "Christian burial" with the mention of Mineola — and splinters the cast into warring factions. Scandal upon scandal emerges from the ensuing chaos: the theft of Korner's most treasured possession, a letter from Rilke praising him for his juvenile poetry, eruptions of passion among staff and residents, and the escalation of thespian hostilities plunge the Emma Lazarus into a state of emergency.

The progress of the novel towards what, from Korner's glancing reminiscences, we know to be its heart, seems on one level to be obstructed by this catalogue of daily events, albeit very funny ones. From this angle his memories have a grinding quality, as if his present were merely a set of keys to turn a series of rusty locks to the past. The past would undoubtedly suffer from this scheme, for despite Isler's piquant rendering of continental Europe earlier in the century, Korner's episodes of recollection are far briefer — too brief, really, considering their importance — than his ample meditations on life at the Emma Lazarus, and couldn't bear the whole weight of the book.

What is better is to consider, as Isler seems to do, the fact that people can't be compressed into a given moment of their lives, no matter how engulfed it may be by significance: it is interesting instead to see what they have *become*, what it made of them. Too many writers would have put Korner in a solitary armchair and turned back the clock: Isler's skill is in showing us a fussy, mannered, proud, delicate man, a man given to censure and then regret, a man of character and habit, inexhaustibly interested in life; a man, most importantly, who survived where others perished.

As Korner reveals himself through the commotion of the Emma Lazarus, this fact becomes more insistent. He guards jealously and with painful irony his recollections of what in his life has given him dignity — his early success as a poet, a period he spent in Zurich on the fringes of the emergent Dada movement, to which Korner claims he gave its name, his unrequited love for the glamorous Magda Damrosch — while looking away in the most inaccessible part of himself that which threatened it.

Korner's horror, when finally he faces it, sounds what is perhaps the book's only false note. This is not due to any failure in its imagining, but rather to the fact that it comes as a surprise to find at the end of the novel something so large compressed into so small a space without it having sprung any leaks earlier. Of course, Korner is a master of repression — "How can a man with such crimes on his conscience go on living? Only by dropping a portcullis before the horror, digging a moat around it, locking it away immured in stone" — but once unlocked, one wonders whether the flow of guilt could be so effectively sealed up again. In the end, one must accept Korner's version: that it was "a deliberate effort of the will", an exertion of self-control, which saved his life, and that this same quality made what came after it bearable.

The Prince of West End Avenue is an elegant, moving and well-raised book, and an exceptionally and enviably good first novel. There is a great deal to be said for producing a first novel in middle-age rather than youth. Many of the qualities — composure, poise, erudition, experience — so frequently absent from first novels, are brought to Isler's writing, while the self-delight, the over-consciousness of language, the mechanisms of fiction not yet skilfully concealed, remain.

Hello Dublin, goodbye Berlin

David Park

DANCING IN LIMBO
By Edward Toman
Flamingo, £5.99 pbk original

A FAREWELL TO PRAGUE
By Desmond Hogan
Faber, £8.99 pbk original

WHAT IS so refreshing about the current flourishing of Irish writing is its diversity. The diffusion of style and subject matter makes neat categorisation impossible and enhances the pleasure that unpredictability brings. Edward Toman and Desmond Hogan were both born in Ireland, although on different sides of the border, and have worked and travelled in a wide range of countries. Their new novels, however, exist in very different worlds.

Edward Toman's *Dancing in Limbo* is the sequel to his début novel, *Shambles Corner*, and continues in the same comic and exuberant style. Toman tilts at Ireland's tribal war and the superstition which often passes for religion. The satire strains mercilessly at the seams of the plot. Like Father Frank Feely's cure for a hangover — two Alka Seltzers in a glass of Lourdes water — the tale bubbles away with verve and invention.

The story centres on the competition for Ireland's immortal soul between Cardinal Schnozzle O'Shea, leader of the Papal patriots, and Oliver Cromwell McCoy, the voice of Protestant fundamentalism. In this surreal world Special Operation Units of nuns go armed with automatic weapons and the loyalist butcher Sammy Magee marbles his sausages red white and blue, "the colours running through them like a stick of Portrush rock".

In the struggle for the nation's gullible soul both sides take to the airwaves with Schnozzle setting up his protégé Father Feely as front man for a television programme and McCoy transmitting his particular brand of madness. Throw in the mystery of the disappearing statue of the dancing Madonna, and a climax involving the Popemobile and a hurtling ice-cream van and you have a lively and unflagging romp.

It would be hard to imagine a more convincing work than Desmond Hogan's fifth novel, *A Farewell to Prague*. Part autobiography, part novel, part travelogue, Hogan has eschewed a traditional chronological narrative to produce a reeling journey of memory which traverses the continents of Europe and America, relentlessly collecting and commemorating broken fragments of experience. He forges glittering little icons from fleeting glimpses of people and places in a series of intense epiphanies, creating a mosaic which the author pieces together in the uncertain hope that universal truth will emerge.

Again and again the restless journey takes him to the cities of Eastern Europe, tracing the byways of love and loss, searching for the fullness of identity, for a newer, richer consciousness than the one afforded by the claustrophobia of Ireland. And yet it is to Ireland that the author's mind constantly returns, circling like a moth round the island's flickering filament.

This is a challenging, ambitious novel, fragilely held together by a coda of place names and the threads of memory. In his search for understanding, for new ways of constructing meaning from the chaos of experience, Hogan takes many risks, but like all true travellers knows that in a world where final destinations remain uncertain, it is the journey itself that truly matters.

Why Cambridge people are packed with guile

John Adamson

CAMBRIDGE MINDS
***Edited by Richard* Mason**
Cambridge University Press, £25/£9.95 pbk

UNIVERSITY POLITICS
F.M. Cornford's Microcosmographia Academia
Edited by Gordon Johnson
Cambridge University Press, £25/£8.95 pbk

There is one view of Cambridge which regards it as the last word in rustic provincialdom: damp, complacent, and in the tart phrase of an Oxford émigré, "surrounded by nothing but web-toed peasantry". Yet its influence on the outside world has been profound.

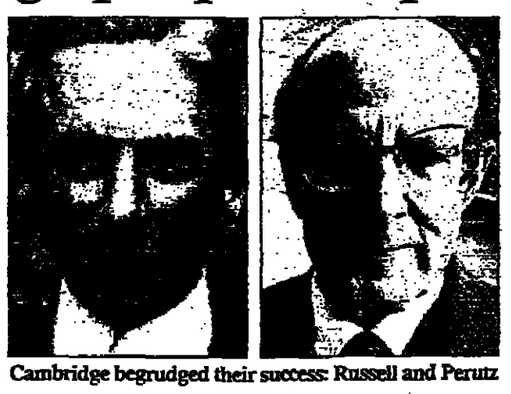
Darwin in anthropology; Keynes in economics; Russell and Wittgenstein in philosophy; Leavis in literary criticism; and in the sciences, a series of discoveries which, over the last century, have transformed the understanding of the physical world. So it is perhaps unsurprising that there is about *Cambridge Minds* a more than slightly self-congratulatory tone.

Yet a recurrent theme throughout these essays is the extent to which these luminaries achieved success in spite of, rather than because of, the university. Bertrand Russell, for instance, never held a university lectureship, and was sacked by Trinity from his college post; the first time in his career when he achieved anything approaching "tenure" was when he was appointed by his college to an Honorary Fellowship — at the age of 78. Even the Cavendish Laboratory, which alone has accounted for some 20 Nobel Prizewinners, initially met with "stiff resistance" to its foundation from rival faculties, and would probably have been still-born but for the enthusiasm (and wealth) of the Duke of Devonshire.

Nor were such matters confined to the Bad Old Days. Take the case of another "Mind" claimed for Cambridge in his book, Max Perutz. One of the greatest molecular biologists of the century, Perutz worked in Cambridge for 14 years before the university begrudgingly appointed him to a lectureship (by which time he was already an FRS), only to force him to resign a few years later by persistently refusing him promotion. He went on to win a Nobel Prize and be appointed to the Order of Merit.

What emerges from these essays as the university's salvation is the very quality which so infuriates tidy-minded bureaucrats and central educational planners: that it is not a single, efficiently planned organisation, but a sprawling, benignly anarchic coalition of three distinct entities. They are the university proper (the faculties and central administration); the colleges (self-governing, self-recruiting, and property-owning since the 13th century); and the penumbra of independent research institutes and laboratories clustered in the immediate environs of the town. When one element in the trinity fails, there are two others to keep talent within Cambridge's capacious fold.

The result is a system of labyrinthine complexity, a satirist's delight. And noone has exposed the system's absurdities more deliciously than F.M. Cornford in his instruction manual for the young academic politician, the *Microcosmographia Academica* of 1908.



Cambridge begrudged their success: Russell and Perutz

If today few, including even his latest editor, get all Cornford's arcane jokes, his maxims have achieved the status of timeless truths. There is that refuge of the traditionalist, the Principle of "Every public action, which is not customary, either is wrong, or, if it is right, is a dangerous precedent. It follows that nothing should ever be done for the first time". And there is the Principle of the Wedge: "That you should not act justly now for fear of raising expectations that you may act still more justly in the future."

Gordon Johnson's accompanying essay is an elegant and meticulously researched account of the turn-of-the-century Cambridge which provoked Cornford's satirical pen: the university a-buzz with controversy over the "great issues" of the admission of women, the merits of state versus private funding, the creation of new faculties, the status of the Established Church. And if other debates were of lesser moment, they were conducted with no less energy and acerbity. Johnson's (often very funny) footnotes are replete with such *causes célèbres* as the impassioned campaign by readers in the University Library against the noisy King's College peacock, or the recent attempt to include extracts from the notorious Squidgygate Tape in an examination question dealing with attitudes to monarchy in the Roman Empire. Those who killed the proposal were duly dubbed the "Squidgycides".

To Cornford the enemy is always the conservative, and the result is a one-sided satirical gem. Running through his book is another maxim, one which is unstated but which underlies all the rest, the Principle of the Reformist's Moral High Ground; namely, that all change, however foolish or ill-conceived, can be termed "Reform", and since Reform is axiomatically a Good Thing, it therefore follows that there is no change which is not for the good. It never seems to occur to him that procrastination, subterfuge and rhetorical sleight of hand are not just the monopoly of the reactionary.

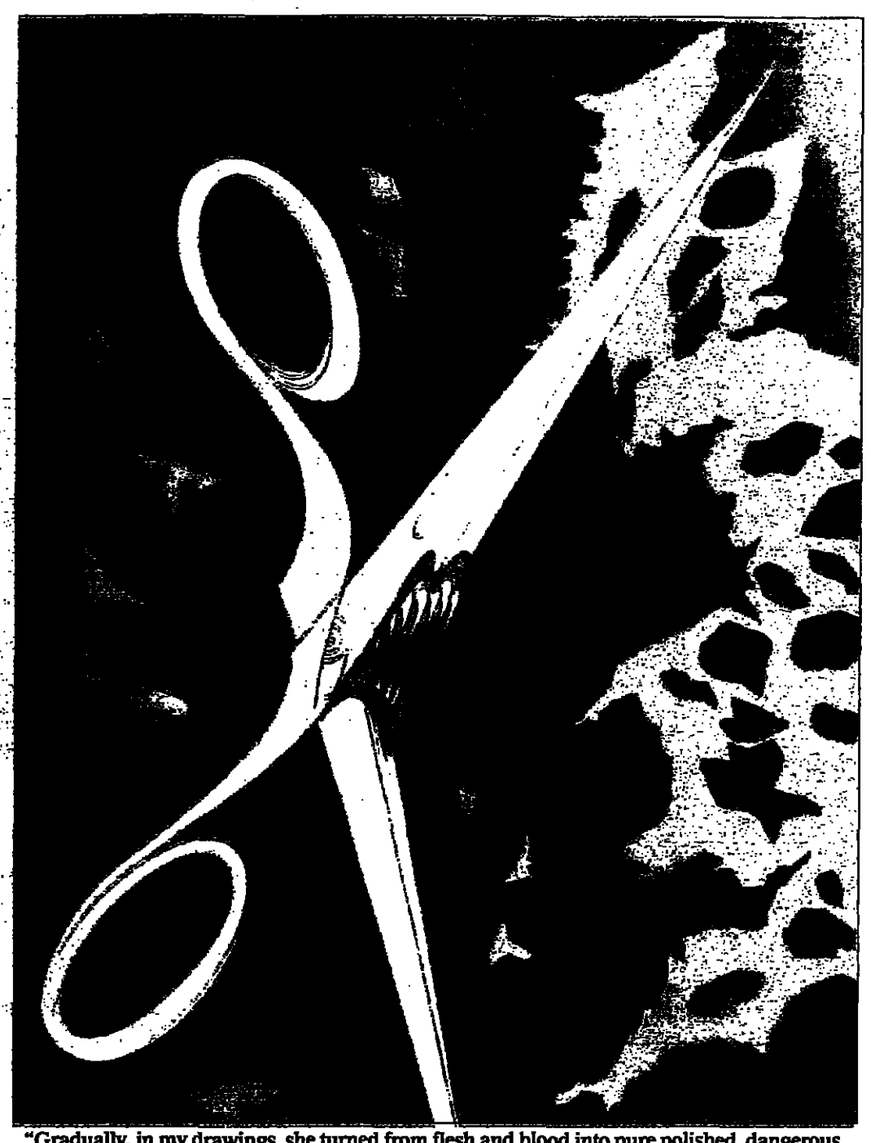
To its credit, the Byzantine system which Cornford so exquisitely derided has thus far proofed Cambridge against the irksome dominance of any single ideology or faction. Another Cambridge mind (and Britain's greatest postwar philosopher), Michael Oakeshott, might have glossed Cornford's *Microcosmographia* rather differently: in its conviction that "planning" and excessive centralisation are the enemies of liberty, Cambridge offers a microcosm, not just of dornish whimsy, but perhaps also of political wisdom.

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Alasdair Palmer welcomes a new geography of Britain's governmental jungle

Quangos to the left, quangos to the right



"Gradually, in my drawings, she turned from flesh and blood into pure polished, dangerous, unyielding, crushing, cutting metal." Gerald Scarfe in *Scarfe-Face* (Sinclair-Stevenson, £9.99)

Nearly two hundred years ago, *The Black Book* listed the functions and salaries of the most important employees of the state. Amongst the sinecures, placemen and pensioners, there were such admirable public servants as the Hon Patrick Plunkett, who received £500 a year — perhaps £20,000 in today's terms — as Purse Bearer to the Chancellor of Ireland (his brother); Lord Hereford, who tucked away £1,000 a year as Captain of the King's pole-axers; and Lord Liverpool, who in addition to the £6,000 he received as First Lord of the Treasury, collected £4,500 for his critical work as Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Reading *The Times Guide to the New British State*, you are constantly reminded of *The Black Book*. The names have changed — Chairman, Chief Executive and Consultant having replaced Purse-bearer, Captain and Warden — but the waste and inefficiency continues, only on a more gigantic scale. *The New British State* reports that last year, local and health authorities *alone* found it necessary to spend £120 million on management consultants, whilst Whitehall's own efficiency unit reckoned that the amount central government agencies were wasting — as opposed merely to spending — on consultancy fees amounted to £65 million a year. Arthur Andersen, Coopers & Lybrand and other consulting firms have made small fortunes. Good for them. The rest of us probably got better value from the pole-axers and purse-bearers.

And who thought up this new way to pile up our money, set a match to it, and watch it burn? None but a government determined to put an end to reckless public spending for ever. *The New British State* sometimes reads like an extended essay on the iron law of government: every government initiative has the opposite effect to the one intended. From Margaret Thatcher to John Major, the Conservatives have reiterated time and again that their primary aim is to cut down the luxuriant jungle of departments, quangos, and other public bodies threatening to strangle everyone not on the government's pay roll.

The New British State bears detailed and depressing testament to the extent to which they have failed, and indeed failed so comprehensively that, were it not for the iron law of government, you could be forgiven for thinking that all along, what they really wanted to do was increase government rather than cut it back. When the Conservatives came to power in 1979, there were around 2,000 quangos. There are now over 5,000, mopping up £46 billion of taxpayers' money every year. And their number continues to grow, each one providing gainful employment for placemen and management consultants.

THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE NEW BRITISH STATE
The Government Machine in the 1990s
By Michael Dynes and David Walker
Times Books, £16.99

The multiplication of quangos is only one part of the cultural revolution. There has also been the attempt to break up the civil service into semi-autonomous "executive agencies", whose work can be offered out to private contractors. This has been promoted as a way of saving money and improving services, but private monopolies are often at least as inefficient as public ones, and generally more corrupt.

On this subject, *The New British State* very aptly quotes Richard Darman, director of the US office of Management and Budget, and one of the Hezbollah of the Reagan Revolution. When asked to report the results of a survey on the effects of contracting out public services in America, Darman had to admit that it had "led to the waste of billions of dollars, mismanagement on a massive scale, corruption and fraud". That is exactly the way it was here in the good old days when government consisted in handing £500 a year to a purse-bearer or pole-axer and leaving him to get on with it.

The authors of *The New British State* stress that they are offering only a guide to the geography of government, and not a philosophical treatise on how to improve the landscape. Indeed, each chapter of the book is accompanied by an exhaustive and invaluable list of every relevant government office or public body, together with phone numbers, addresses, and names of who to contact. So if you've ever wondered who ran the UK Ecolabelling Board, or the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges, or the Home Grown Cereals Authority — or even if you just want to know whom to complain to when the state does something you don't like — this is the book for you.

Although it does not attempt to answer it, *The New British State* inevitably raises the question of what we should want government to do about itself. Most of us do not care. The reform of government machinery is about as high on the electorate's list of concerns as the future of the Apple and Pear Research Council (whose address and chairman you will find in this book). But we should. Like clean air, uncorrupt, efficient government is appreciated only when it's gone — but when it's gone, it cannot be brought back.

How are we to maintain the incorruptibility yet increase the efficiency? Replacing the civil service with the free market is trumpeted as the solution, but it cannot be, and for one very obvious reason. Government is a monopoly. Two competing governments — as in Bosnia or Chechenia at the moment — mean civil war. Without competition, there can be no market. No amount of changing the names to make officials sound like company executives can disguise that fact. However much is privatised, monopoly remains the central feature of all functions funded by taxes.

Dynes and Walker have nothing to say about how to prevent the power monopoly bestows from being corruptly used, which is frustrating: the intelligence and good sense of the authors makes one wish they had been more ambitious. Historical perspective is also lacking. Again, that is perfectly understandable given the task Dynes and Walker set themselves. But since the shape of government now is the product of its past, their map would have benefited from some historical insight. For most of our history (or any other country's, for that matter), anyone with a public office has simply seen the power it bestows as a means of extorting money from the public. The change from pole-axers to permanent secretaries took place in an extraordinarily short period of time, and seems mostly to have been the product of a high-minded Victorian ideal of public service: morality, not economics, was responsible for it. And the ideal of public service, as Adam Smith pointed out, is not the same as the motive to maximise profits.

If that morality is discarded as "incompatible with target-achievement" or whatever the management consultant-speak is, the most likely result will be a return to the natural order of things: utterly corrupt government. The authors of this book whisper that message. I wish they had shouted it.

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Fated to be a bloody colonial

Ian McIntyre

PATRICK WHITE
Letters
Edited by David Marr
Jonathan Cape, £35

Patrick White won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973. Twenty-five years earlier, one of the English reviewers of his novel *The Aunt's Story* was John Betjeman. "Patrick White is a dead loss to libraries," he wrote, "a great asset to English literature."

A perceptive critic, Miss J. Hunter Dunn's suburban admirer. Demented German explorers and lesbian bus conductresses are not everybody's cup of tea, whether they borrow their library books in Camberley or suburban Sydney. The average *Book at Bedtime* listener does not hanker after tales of murderous aboriginals, divine fools or archetypal pioneers who glimpse God in a gob of spittle.

White's conception of writing changed fundamentally after he returned to Australia after World War II. Only then did it become "a struggle to create fresh forms out of rocks and sticks of words." There are few signs of that struggle in his correspondence.

Although White frequently enjoined friends to burn his letters, his biographer David Marr has located several thousands of them, and the 600 printed here comprise a chronological narrative of White's life and opinions. Marr describes the correspondence as "earthy, camp, savage, dramatic, very funny and free." It is all those things, and more besides.



Patrick White: England made him

He was certainly extremely funny, often about himself. "I expect I shall go nuts in the end like Barry Humphries," he muses. "At least he is only split in two, whereas I shall break into fifteen." He had little family feeling ("Blood relationship is mostly just a farce") and retails sardonic descriptions of his odder relatives: "Imagine a Brünnhilde who had left the Ring and joined the Salvation Army, taking with her, however, plenty of Wagnerian sex and hysterics — that was Ivy." He also had a talent for blurting out the unsayable. "I am prepared to think he had qualities that justified your love for him," he writes, condoling with a friend whose father had died, "though he did his best to hide them."

His own affections centred on his Greek lover, Manoly Lascaris, and on their animals: "At night my pug gets between the sheets and plasters herself to my side like a strip of hot rubber." "If I am anything of a writer," he confides, "it is through my homosexuality, which has given me additional insights, and through a *very strong vein of vulgarity*." It is a vein which marbles his correspondence, as when the writer Robin Maugham is described as having a "face like a wizened cow's twat".

If his characterisations are sometimes over-agricultural, they are always marvellously vivid. He attends a recital by Rostropovich, who "plays like an enraged bear"; in pre-war London he meets the young Stephen Spender — "a great jangling creature, like an awkward provincial girl." If he dislikes somebody, the savagery can be awesome — when their friendship dies, the painter Sydney Nolan becomes "the great commercial traveller and gravy-train artist", and later "Sir Ned Kelly Nolan, the Irish ascendancy peasant knighted by the Queen of England". (There was some provocation. "Sir Ned" had exhibited drawings in which White and Lascaris were consigned to the circle in Dante's Purgatory reserved for sodomites.)

The best letters illuminate what made White tick. "I always see most of what I write," he told Nolan, "and am, in fact a painter *manqué*." Reading Van Gogh's letters and Grandma Moses's autobiography he is "filled with a yearning for paint". Of Goya's canvases, he wrote: "I feel I want to eat them, bury my face in them, and sniff them up. I am filled with a rage to write just like he painted."

He also learned much from music. Bach and Bartok, Liszt, Mahler and Bruckner were all important to him and he was convinced that constant listening helped him to develop a book "more logically." He felt especially close to Berg: "Funnily enough, on the sleeve of the last record I bought I found out that he was also a bronchial asthmatic." White believed his own attacks of asthma helped him creatively: "Yesterday I was seeing quite clearly whole stretches of a novel I am planning to start after Christmas, and which has remained misty till now."

He saw himself as "stronger in intuition than in intellect — something that shamed me in my youth, but which age has made me accept as a blessing as well as a weakness". Novels "happen" to him, like influenza — he felt them coming on. When he was grappling with *The Vivisector*, he wrote that the last part was full of "unsayable" things "which will probably have to write *me*, instead of my writing *them*".

Getting it down on paper was always drudgery and worse. "I am constantly meeting ladies who say 'how lovely it must be to write'," he grumbled after finishing *The Solid Mandala*, "as though one sat down at the *escritoire* after breakfast, and it poured out like a succession of bread and butter letters, instead of being dragged out, by tongs, a bloody mess, in the small hours."

He said he was at heart a Londoner, only by fate an Australian — "I imagine it's like being born with a hump or a clubfoot: one has to put up with it." Yet as he grew older, his affinities with this country grew tenuous. "The British have the Thatcher Gang," he raged in 1982, "every bit as Fascist as the Argentinians." His four schoolboy years at Cheltenham — "there was never a day when I was not called 'a bloody colonial' or a 'bloody cockney' " — had left their mark.

Did the punishment fit the crime?

"HISTORY is a great tease," writes Dr Sean McConville in *English Local Prisons*. Victorian social history is the richest tease of all; and in McConville we can follow the whole weird process of nationalisation of our local government prisons, with a bonus for the head of the Prison Service (who already earned more than the Permanent Under Secretary at the Home Office) on establishing "a lean, mean and low cost penal system".

The story begins with the cool and punitive views of the fourth Earl of Carnarvon, the promotion of discomfort and the stopping of any remaining free communication between prisoners, "subversive", as it would be, "of any prison discipline".

It continues with the career of Sir Edmund Du Cane, manager of the prisons over many years, the disciple of Carnarvon, although, like Jeremy Bentham before him, Du Cane can be cited in support of almost every contradictory proposition on penal matters. Uniformity between prisons, harsh regimes, secrecy from the public remained his basic principles.

Later in the book the pendulum swings, opponents of Du Cane speak out, the Gladstone committee reports, and Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise begins the move that led to Borstal. The reforms, as McConville establishes, were modest, and rather pompously overstated in 1898 by that eminent former prisoner, Oscar Wilde. But the period covered, Carnarvon to Herbert Gladstone, calls for and receives distinct narrative treatment.



A convicts' home, from John Thompson's *Victorian London Street Life* (Dover, £10.95)

On the history of serial flogging, the Garrotting Panic of 1862, the trail of blunders leading to reforms, it will be necessary in future to consult McConville. The treatment of boys under 16, for example, of whom far fewer were held in custody in the latter years of the century, is illustrated by the story of a boy at Wandsworth, apparently sexually assaulted by adults. A Principal Officer is asked why he did not suspect such an attack when he came on the scene. "When I heard the boy crying I did not think that it arose from the boy being in pain, but it was the ordinary cry of a boy in prison."

History is not only a tease: it can instruct us. Here is a detailed picture of the local prisons, that is, where remands and those on shorter sentences were held, at a period when prisoners were deliberately treated punitively and harshly. The first part of the sentence was aimed to deter, to be a lesson to others who might commit such crimes. The second part was aimed at reforming the prisoner, by teaching him a lesson. What effect did it have, if any, on the rate of crime?

Stephen Tumim

ENGLISH LOCAL PRISONS, 1860-1900
Next only to Death
By Sean McConville
Routledge, £150

The statistics of crime were unreliable. Sir Edmund Du Cane, in an unusually generous mood, confirmed the uncertainty: "I do not think that either an increase or a decrease in crime is affected by prison systems, nearly to such an extent as it has been asserted that they have. The prosperity of the country — the facilities for getting a living honestly — the condition of education, moral and literary — the efficiency of the police — all contribute to the statistics of crime."

Undoubtedly the rate of crime came down over the last quarter of the century. Recidivism appears to have increased. There was a decline in the use of imprisonment. The causes are no clearer to us than they were to Sir Edmund.

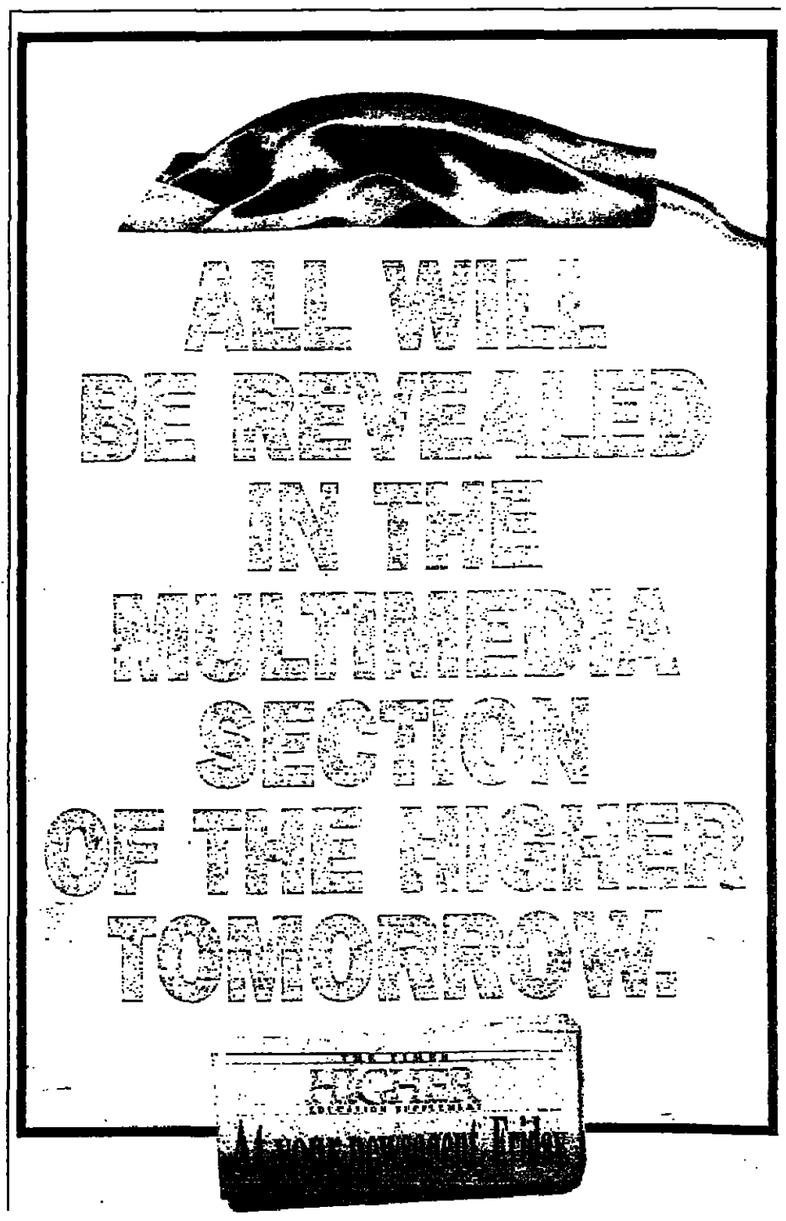
THE STATE of sanitation was almost as obscure as the statistics. Lavatories were put into many cells very early in the Queen's reign and pointed out to foreign grandees by the Prince Consort as marks of our modernity.

The design was such, McConville tells us, that they stank and had eventually to come out again. By 1889, when the first entirely acceptable water closet became available, the cheaper option of slopping-out had been taken. As early as 1863, that formidable Inspector of Prisons, John Perry, had found the use of slop-pails "very objectionable. . .very offensive indeed", and declared he would refuse to certify such old-fashioned cells.

Like the old lavatories this new book should be promptly ripped out of its gloomy binding. It should be rebound in paperback, and sold at a vastly reduced price to students of most subjects and of all ages.

Judge Stephen Tumim is Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales.





Pattern Committee adds weight to Breeders' Day

By Julian Muscat

THE European Pattern Committee reacted favourably yesterday to proposals drawn up for a high-profile European Breeders' Day and is to throw its weight behind efforts to get the project off the ground.

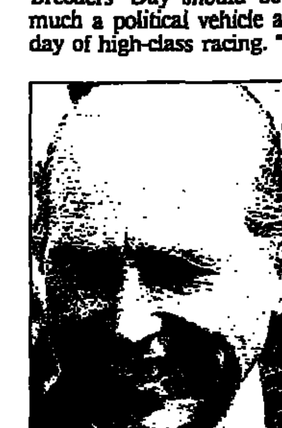
Paul Greeves, the British representative on the influential committee, has assumed joint responsibility for promoting the plan, initially in Britain and later across Europe. He was optimistic that conflicts with existing Pattern races would not strangle the project at birth.

"All previous proposals along the lines of a major race day were very different to this," Greeves said, on his return from the Dublin meeting. "We are talking about setting up the event within the boundaries of an existing meeting, rather than introducing a significant number of new group races.

"It's been suggested that some new group races should be created and it may well be possible to do that. The European Breeders' Fund has suggested it can come up with a way to underpin the financing. There is every reason to think we can come up with something."

While Britain and France, the stronger racing nations, will almost certainly collect any races run at level weights, two events — essentially limited handicaps of listed status — are thought likely to attract runners from such as Scandinavia, Italy, Spain and Poland. Proposals for these races include the jockeys donning silks in the colours of their national flags.

Greeves added that the message from European Breeders' Day should be as much a political vehicle as a day of high-class racing. "It's important that the host country promotes the sport at government level through the media exposure we hope the day receives," he said. "We are trying to stage the first meeting next year, but a starting date of 1997 is more realistic."



Carnarvon: thrilled

Michel Henochsberg, one of the project's founders, yesterday expressed the hope that a levy on foals, perhaps £50 per foal, would help generate considerable revenues from Europe's 20,000-strong annual crop. "Unless it is a day of valuable races it won't work," he said. "We will now work on a five-year plan. There is certainly room for a big day. The best time seems to be towards the end of August or beginning of September, which is a relatively quiet time for high-class racing."

Henochsberg, president of the fledgling European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders, added that all 22 member countries expressed support for the project. "They want to promote bloodstock and this should give them the opportunity," he said.

In other Pattern Committee business settled in Dublin, Newbury's inaugural Sunday fixture on May 21 was given added impetus yesterday when the executive learned that its quest for an upgrading of the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes had been granted.

The one-mile test has been elevated to championship status, making it the first group one Flat race within the track's racing programme. Prize-money has been doubled to £100,000. "We are all very excited," Lord Carnarvon said yesterday. "We have been trying for this for a very long time. The race will be confined to four-year-olds and upwards as it clashes with the Irish 2,000 Guineas [for three-year-olds]".

Other races to be upgraded are the Goodwood Cup, which rises to group two status; and the Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor, formerly a listed race but now accorded group three status. It will be the first group race contested at the Berkshire track.

□ Charlie Mann, the Lambourn trainer, was yesterday fined £1,000 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee after he admitted obtaining a riding licence under false pretences to compete in last year's Velka Pardubicka in the Czech Republic.

Doubts surround Trophy fancies

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

RELKEEL and Trying Again, both unbeaten this season, were installed as the 7-1 joint-favourites for the Tote Gold Trophy by the sponsors yesterday — but they are far from certain to run in the £50,000-added handicap hurdle at Newbury on February 11.

The Tote's ante-post odds compilers faced a tough task when the weights for the prestigious two-mile event were published yesterday because of the uncertainty surrounding the participation of several of the 39 entries — especially those near the top of the weights.

The sponsors are offering a £50,000 bonus to the owner of any horse which wins their race and the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on March 14 in an attempt to keep the best hurdlers in the Gold Trophy. However, the lure appears insufficient.

Large Action, who beat Oh So Risky by a short head in a memorable race last year, has been allocated top weight of 12 stone, but Oliver Sherwood's Champion Hurdle favourite will almost certainly bypass Newbury unless the weather scuppers his intended engagements — either the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 22 or the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham on January 28.

Oh So Risky and Atours, both trained by David Elsworth, have 11st 10lb and 11st 6lb respectively, and the Whitcombe trainer described them as "possible runners" yesterday.

MARTIN LYNCH



Relkeel is joint-favourite in the early betting for the Tote Gold Trophy

The David Nicholson-trained Relkeel (11st 5lb) has only been entered in case bad weather leads to the abandonment of his intended engagements. Sweet Glow (11st 4lb) has not run over such a short distance for four years, while Spinning (11st 2lb) has not raced for two seasons — which leaves Batabanoo next on 10st 7lb.

Amid all the uncertainty, Noel Meade said Cockney Lad, a warm favourite for The Ladbroke at Leopardstown this Saturday, is likely to be aimed for the Tote Gold Trophy if all goes according to plan.

The Co Meath trainer said: "Obviously if he wins The Ladbroke that is the race I would be thinking of. He is not a big horse so he would not want to carry a lot of weight."

If he is successful in The Ladbroke, a 5lb penalty would bring his weight to 10st 11b, and his present price of 10-1 will vanish. Cockney Lad looks the best value bet at this stage.

The Tote bet: 7-1 Relkeel, Trying Again, 10-1 Atours, Callisoe Bay, Cockney Lad, 12-1 Amigos, Family Way, Mysilv, 14-1 Large Action, Oh So Risky, 16-1 Batabanoo, Fatack, Kadastrof, Morceli, Surrey Dancer, 20-1 bar.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Plumpton

Going: soft (heavy in places)

1.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, STONEY VALLEY (N Williamson, 7-2; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Whitebonnet (D Gallagher, 11-1); 3, Fabriana (R Davis, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Muntafi (5th), 9-2 Dynamic Deluxe (4th), 5 Tickerty's Gift (ur), 6 Ginger Jim (pu), 10 El Grando (6th), 16 Diplomatist (f), 25 Majboor Yafooz (ur), 50 Sherblu (pu), 66 Catempo (pu), 100 Beat The Bookie (pu), Debryn (pu), Tough Character (pu). 15 ran. 1¼l, 5l, 3l, ½l, 1½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.80, £8.70. DF: £37.10. CSF: £41.75.

1.50 (2m ch) 1, RATHER SHARP (M A Fitzgerald, 16-1); 2, Roagil (A Maguire, 4-1); 3, Old Road (W Marston, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav General Merchant (f), 7-2 Handsome Ned (6th), 9-2 Gelagames, 10 Local Flyer (5th), 33 April's Baby (4th), Joker Jack. 9 ran. NR: Belle Lock. 1¾l, 5l, 11l, 13l, ¾l. C Popham at Taunton. Tote: £18.20; £3.40, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £46.90. Trio: £134.30. CSF: £74.01. Tricast: £420.79. No bid.

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, TINA SPARKLE (D Bridgwater, 15-8 fav); 2, Meanus Miller (D O'Sullivan, 14-1); 3, Mirador (D Morris, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Fleur De Tal, 4 Purbeck Polly (4th), 5 Fruitful Affair (6th), 14 Urban Lily (pu), 33 Miss Pandy (pu), 66 Saffron River (5th), Violet Rose (pu). 10 ran. NR: Tarsula. 4l, 3l, 30l, 2½l, 2l. Mrs D Haine at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.50, £4.00. DF: £20.90. CSF: £26.71.

2.50 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, DESPERATE (D Bridgwater, 3-1); 2, Rustic Sunset (S McNeill, 12-1); 3, Nazzaro (P McLoughlin, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Fast Thoughts (f), 7-2 Bally Clover (pu), 12 Positive Influence (pu), 16 Freddy Owen (f), In Deep Friendship (f), 20 Springpark (pu), 33 Di Moda (4th), Kitsbel (5th), 50 Anstey Gadabout (pu). 12 ran. 2½l, dist, 30l, dist. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £3.70, £3.00. DF: £20.50. CSF: £37.99.

3.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, REDEEMYOURSELF (P Hide, 8-11 fav); 2, Challenger Row (A P McCoy, 10-1); 3, Tel E Thon (D Leahy, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Old Bridge (5th), 12 Hashar (4th), 20 Scent Of Battle (pu). 6 ran. 9l, 25l, 15l, nk. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £3.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.74.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, TITAN EMPRESS (M Perrett, 12-1); 2, Bickerman (Miss T Spearing, 20-1); 3, Alice's Mirror (D Bridgwater, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Sharp Performer (4th), 5 Landed Gentry (f), 6 Ramallah, 13-2 Badrakhani, 10 Shared Gold, 12 Interplay, 16 Esprit De Femme, Wee Windy (pu), 20 Gameful Gold (5th), 33 Villa Park (6th). 13 ran. Hd, 1l, 2½l, 9l, 1¼l. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £16.30; £2.10, £4.40, £1.90. DF: £93.40. CSF: £211.22. Tricast: £1,252.40.

Jackpot: £7,659.60; part won (pool of £8,630.56 carried forward to Wincanton today).

Placepot: £1,035.50. Quadpot: £64.10.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.30 (1m 100yd) 1, Eqtesaad (T Ives, 11-8 fav); 2, Perilous Plight (11-2); 3, Alpine Johnny (5-2). 11 ran. 3l, 3l. S Williams. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £3.10, £1.70. DF: £16.70. CSF: £10.44. Bought in for 9,200gns.

2.00 (7f) 1, Montanelli (R Cochrane, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Bold Effort (4-1); 3, Jalmaad (12-1). Almuhtaram 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. ½l, 5l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £7.70. CSF: £20.52.

2.30 (6f) 1, Lift Boy (Candy Morris, 20-1); 2, Sea Devil (5-1); 3, Frisky Miss (7-2). Walk The Beat 2-1 fav. 13 ran. Hd, hd. A Moore. Tote: £138.40; £12.60, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £116.10. CSF: £131.69.

3.00 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, South Eastern Fred (M Rimmer, 5-2 fav); 2, Chatham Island (4-1); 3, Northern Celadon (6-1). 13 ran. 4l, 1¾l. H Collingridge. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £2.90, £1.10. DF: £14.40. Trio: £51.10. CSF: £15.27. Tricast: £57.26.

3.30 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, Argyle Cavalier (Oliver Casey, 8-13 fav); 2, Iota (3-1); 3, Child Star (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Chief Of Staff, Premier Dance. 1l, 4l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70. £2.60. DF: £2.10. Trio: £18.20. CSF: £3.36. Tricast: £21.36.

4.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Off The Air (R Cochrane, 3-1); 2, Miss Charlie (8-1); 3, Beware Of Agents (Evens fav). 11 ran. 2l, 5l. I Campbell. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £38.90. CSF: £28.75. No bid.

4.30 (5f) 1, Leigh Crofter (J Weaver, 9-2); 2, Kalar (13-2); 3, Nineacres (15-2). Sir Tasker 4-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Nordico Princess. 1¾l, ½l. P Cundell. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £16.90. Trio: £76.60. CSF: £30.08. Tricast: £192.26.

Placepot: £23.90. Quadpot: £12.00.

The meeting at Kelso yesterday was called off because of frost.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 3.00 Pleasure Beach, 3.30 Wottashambles. Wetherby: 1.50 It's The Pits, 3.20 Saraville. Wincanton: 2.40 Muscat.

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THUNDERER

12.50 Oat Couture. 1.20 Valiant Warrior. 1.50 Five Flags. 2.20 Scotton Banks. 2.50 Express Gift. 3.20 Clyde Ranger. 3.50 Tara Rambler.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.50 BALLYLEA BOY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £3,323: 2m 4f 110yd) (22 runners)

1 -221 OAT COUTURE 16 (CD,S) L Lungo 7-11-10 F Perratt (5) 93
2 141 AFTER GRACE 17 (G,S) N Mason 5-11-0 J Supple (5) 90
3 2243 BALLYLEA BOY 13 D Nicholson 5-11-0 A Maguire 99
4 00-0 BUYERS DREAM 15 J Hellens 5-11-0 A Lamach (3) –
5 644 COTTAGE CRAFT 33 W Bethell 5-11-0 A S Smith 91
6 1-03 DON'T GEORGE 48 (F) Miss M Milligan 5-11-0 J Callaghan 83
7 -042 FREDDIE MUCK 22 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 D Bridgwater 93
8 0 GRASSINGTON 15 P Beaumont 6-11-0 C Hawkins –
9 00/ JET JOCKEY 860 R Spicer 6-11-0 N Mann –
10 00 KITTOCHSIDE LAD 52 Mrs S Austin 5-11-0 D Wilkinson 62
11 0-02 LORD DORCET 49 J Charlton 5-11-0 B Storey 95
12 15-F MALACHITE GREEN 34 (G) M Hammond 5-11-0 Mr C Bonner (5) 80
13 MISTER MUDDYPAWS J Johnson 5-11-0 N Doughty –
14 MONOKRATIC Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 J Burke (3) –
15 2-5 MONY-SKIP 61 M Hammond 8-11-0 D Bentley (3) –
16 NIKI DEE P Beaumont 5-11-0 R Supple –
17 0 OLD HABITS 33 J Eyre 6-11-0 O Pears –
18 00 PHARARE 26 R Woodhouse 5-11-0 D Gallagher –
19 /03 TOPSAWYER 48 (F) Miss S Hall 7-11-0 A Dobbin 57
20 00 FAIR CRUISE 34 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-9 D Byrne –
21 0000 RUA ROS 5 Mrs S Smith 5-10-9 Mr P Murray (7) 68
22 56-2 WINDSWEPT LADY 34 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-9 P Niven –

3-1 Oat Couture, 6-1 Windswept Lady, 7-1 Freddie Muck, 8-1 After Grace, Lord Dorcet, 10-1 Ballylea Boy, 14-1 Malachite Green, 16-1 others.

1.20 WIKE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,688: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 -114 BELSTONE FOX 47 (C,BF,G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-0 A Maguire 93
2 -2P3 SWORD BEACH 37 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-11-3 P Niven 98
3 2-2P PERSIAN HOUSE 31 (D,F,G,S) J Jefferson 8-11-2 M Dwyer 95
4 1-20 STRONG SOUND 58 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-10-8 K Johnson 95
5 3P-4 REJOINUS 26 (D,S) J Eyre 10-10-7 N Doughty 94
6 -321 VALIANT WARRIOR 15 (D,F,G) M Hammond 7-10-7 D Bentley (3) 99
7 221P HOUGHTON 26 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 9-10-2 D Bridgwater 95
8 3552 PRINCE YAZA 22 (CD,F,G,S) J Curtis 8-10-0 L O'Hara 98
9 211F DEEP DECISION 27 (CD,G) P Cheesbrough 9-10-0 L Wyer 92

9-4 Sword Beach, 3-1 Persian House, 7-2 Belstone Fox, 9-2 Valiant Warrior, 12-1 Deep Decision, 14-1 Strong Sound, Houghton, 20-1 others.

1.50 HEALAUGH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,214: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 225- SHAFFIC 10F (CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 G Lee 87
2 3P42 IT'S THE PITS 17 (B,D,G,S) L Lungo 8-11-9 I Jardine (7) 96
3 -551 IMA DELIGHT 26 (D,S) Mrs P Sly 8-11-4 Lorna Brand (7) 99
4 P0-5 TEMPLE GARTH 17 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-2 B Grattan (7) 84
5 2411 MEMORABLE 17 (D,G,S) J Hetherton 4-11-2 P Midgley 89
6 PP-0 VITAL WITNESS 26 (D,S) K Morgan 8-10-13 R Massey (3) –
7 -034 FOX CHAPEL 59 (D,BF,G,S) R Jackes 8-10-11 N Juckes (7) 97
8 4/P NEW CHARGES 36 (G) P Beaumont 8-10-8 F Perratt –
9 000- MAGIC BLOOM 250 (C,F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-3 M Newton (7) 89
10 0-0P GOLDEN SAVANNAH 71 (C,S) M W Easterby 5-10-2 J Driscoll (3) 88
11 20P2 MANWELL 17 (S) B Temple 8-10-2 E Callaghan (7) 88
12 345P MHEMEANLES 17 (B,F) M H Easterby 5-10-0 M Herrington (7) 98
13 -006 ON GOLDEN POND 48 (G) N Mason 5-10-0 J Supple 89
14 2003 BARRYBEN 12 W Brisbourne 6-10-0 S Wynne 84
15 U424 FIVE FLAGS 22 (G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 R Wilkinson (7) 97
16 043- MAC RAMBLER 234F N Bycroft 8-10-0 D Towler (7) 78

9-2 Ima Delight, 5-1 It's The Pits, Memorable, 7-1 Shaffic, 8-1 others.

2.20 TOWTON NOVICES CHASE
(Grade II: £11,240: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 6331 NEWTON POINT 41 (D,F,G,S) T George 6-11-9 P Niven 78
2 4P21 NORTHERN SQUIRE 27 (G,S) J Jefferson 7-11-9 M Dwyer 94
3 U251 PETOSKU 24 (D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-9 D Bridgwater 98
4 -111 SCOTTON BANKS 26 (CD,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-9 L Wyer 99
5 4F4- COUNTORUS 348 (G) J Johnson 9-11-5 A Maguire 94
6 2322 BEAUCHAMP GRACE 12 (BF,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 J Burke 96
7 P012 LENTHALL PRINCESS 30 (D,S) J Needham 9-11-0 Richard Guest 92

5-4 Scotton Banks, 7-4 Petosku, 5-1 Northern Squire, 12-1 others.

2.50 COWTHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,652: 2m) (9)

1 112 EXPRESS GIFT 17 (D,BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 P Niven 99
2 8403 ONE FOR THE POT 15 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 10-11-9 J Burke (3) 98
3 0000 WHO'S TEF 16 (D,F) M H Easterby 7-11-8 L Wyer –
4 11-1 WEAVER GEORGE 17 (CD,F,G) J Hellens 5-11-7 M Dwyer 96
5 2128 ZAJIRA 47 (BF,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-4 R Garritty 91
6 11/ IMHOTEP 859 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 8-11-4 N Smith –
7 1113 SAINT CIEL 12 (D,G,S) F Jordan 7-11-4 J Lodder 97
8 F80- FLOWING RIVER 275 (D,F,G) W Barker 9-11-0 G Harker 90
9 6-26 DEVILRY 17 (D,BF,S) G Moore 5-10-13 J Callaghan 95

9-4 Express Gift, 11-4 Weaver George, 5-1 Zajira, 6-1 Saint Ciel, 8-1 others.

3.20 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,435: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 /00- STRONG BEAU 303 (G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-0 A Maguire –
2 U-12 CLYDE RANGER 16 (CD,BF,G,S) M Hammond 8-11-12 Mr C Bonner (5) 98
3 4500 SARAVILLE 56 (B,D,F,G,S) F Jordan 8-11-3 J Lodder 99
4 2222 ANDERMATT 12 (S) J Mackie 8-11-2 P Niven 95
5 3215 URANUS COLLONGES 17 (BF,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-1 M Dwyer 97

4-5 Clyde Ranger, 7-2 Uranus Collonges, 5-1 Andermatt, 6-1 others.

3.50 WHIXLEY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,940: 2m) (25)

1 312 MANDICAT 22 (BF,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-13 E Callaghan (7) –
2 0-51 TARA RAMBLER 22 (G) Miss S Hall 6-11-13 Mr C Bonner (5) –
3 BEGGARS BANQUET P Beaumont 5-11-6 C Hawkins –
4 40 CADRILLON 36 T Tate 5-11-6 R Garritty –
5 DEVON CASTLE J Curtis 5-11-6 L O'Hara –
6 4-0 GARBO'S BOY 104 J Turner 5-11-6 W Fry (7) –
7 MACS HERO C Smith 5-11-6 M Ranger –
8 PAINT YOUR WAGON N Chamberlain 5-11-6 Miss C Metcalfe (7) –
9 40 PEBBLE BEACH 48 G Moore 5-11-6 N Stocks (7) –
10 RANDOM HARVEST Mrs M Reveley 5-11-6 P Niven –
11 READYSPEX R Woodhouse 5-11-6 J Burke (3) –
12 RYE CROSSING M H Easterby 5-11-6 L Wyer –
13 SANTA CONCERTO L Lungo 5-11-6 F Perratt (5) –
14 SOCCER BALL T Watson 5-11-6 Mr S Swiers –
15 3 WILMAR 33 M Hammond 5-11-6 D Bentley (3) –
16 KAREN'S LADY LUCK M Hammond 5-11-1 Kate Sellars (7) –
17 LADY BOUQUET L Lungo 5-11-1 T Reed –
18 PEACHY BEACH N Mason 5-11-1 J Supple (5) –
19 DAYTIME DAWN D Moffatt 4-10-8 D J Moffatt (3) –
20 DESERT MAN R Woodhouse 4-10-8 Mr D Parker (5) –
21 EBULLIENT EQUINAME D Eddy 4-10-8 A Maguire –
22 GENERAL'S ORDERS J Norton 4-10-8 O Pears –
23 GO-INFORMAL J Jefferson 4-10-8 M Dwyer –
24 M-I-FIVE C Thornton 4-10-8 Mark Roberts (7) –
25 FESTIVE LASSIE Y Barron 4-10-3 A Dobbin –

5-1 Rye Crossing, 6-1 Ebullient Equiname, 7-1 Tara Rambler, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 14 winners from 39 runners, 35.9%, N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 14, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 39 from 139, 28.1%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 21 from 111, 18.9%; Mrs V Aconley, 5 from 27, 18.5%; M H Easterby, 26 from 142, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 16 winners from 60 rides, 26.7%, P Niven, 41 from 175, 23.3%, L Wyer, 32 from 145, 22.1%; N Doughty, 15 from 78, 19.7%; D J Moffatt, 4 from 22, 18.2%, D Byrne, 8 from 56, 14.3%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Press The Bell. 1.30 Spencer's Revenge. 2.00 Inn At The Top. 2.30 Scottish Park. 3.00 Hannah's Usher. 3.30 Scalp 'Em. 4.00 Camden's Ransom.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 KAAFIH HOMM (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.00 GUY MANNERING CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,081: 5f) (8 runners)

1 120- ANOTHER EPISODE 82 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 8-9-5 P Roberts (7) 3
2 140- FARFELU 12 (B,CD,F,G) W Muir 8-3-2 J Weaver 7
3 45-2 DISTANT DYNASTY 7 (CD,BF,G,S) B Pearce 5-9-1 L Dettori 6
4 333- PRESS THE BELL 12 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-11 G Carter 1
5 34-6 SAMSON-AGONISTES 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Evans 9-8-7 R Cochrane 5
6 52-3 LITTLE SABOTEUR 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Makin 6-8-4 A Clark 8
7 600- BATON BLEU 29 P Howling 4-8-3 J Quinn 4
8 000- NOT SO GENEROUS 36 (CD,F,G) W G M Turner 5-8-0 M Baird (7) 2

3-1 Press The Bell, 7-2 Little Saboteur, 4-1 Farfelu, 9-2 Another Episode, 5-1 Samson-Agonistes, 8-1 Not So Generous, 10-1 others.

1.30 REDGAUNTLET SELLING STAKES
(£2,259: 7f) (13)

1 5-00 BRECKLAND 2 K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-12 A Clark 7
2 060- FARNDALE 12 (G) J Berry 8-8-12 C Lowther (7) 10
3 00-5 PIGALLE WONDER 2 (CD,G) R O'Sullivan 7-8-12 D Biggs 7
4 545- RESPECTABLE JONES 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-8-12 L Dettori 3
5 032- SPENCER'S REVENGE 12 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-12 J Weaver 12
6 00-4 TYRIAN PURPLE 8 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 7-8-12 V Halliday (5) 13
7 00-0 VELOCE 5 (B,D,F,G) A Bailey 7-8-12 D Wright (3) 9
8 406- WADERS DREAM 87 (V,F) P Mitchell 6-8-12 R Cochrane 6
9 000- YOUCANSTOPLOOKING 12 (E) S Dow 4-8-12 S Sanders (5) 8
10 00-0 IT'S SO EASY 10 (D,G,S) M Johnston 4-8-7 T Williams 5
11 035- JOINT EFFORT 12 A Moore 4-8-7 A Whelan (5) 11
12 00- MORJINSKI 14J D French Davis 5-8-7 N Adams 4
13 /0- VICTORIA PRINCESS 12 M Madgwick 8-8-7 M Fenton 2

7-4 Spencer's Revenge, 4-1 Tyrian Purple, 5-1 Farndale, 11-2 others.

2.00 QUENTIN DURWARD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,758: 1m) (12)

1 05- BEAU MATELOT 99 J Bethell 9-0 J Weaver 5
2 2 BIYA 8 (BF) M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 12
3 0- DINGO WARRIOR 29 J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0 A Mackay 2
4 050- DON'T MEAN A THING 86 R Hannon 9-0 D O'Neill (7) 3
5 353- FROME LAD 33 W G M Turner 9-0 R Perham 8
6 62-2 INN AT THE TOP 3 M Johnston 9-0 G Carter 4
7 6-3 ZESTI 8 T Clement 9-0 M Rimmer 1
8 54- ANYTIME BABY 26 K McAuliffe 8-9 M Fenton 10
9 00- CHARNWOOD QUEEN 26 R Armstrong 8-9 W Woods 6
10 0- LA FILLE DE CIRQUE 131 R Williams 8-9 R Cochrane 7
11 PLEASANT MEMORIES Lord Huntingdon 8-9 L Dettori 9
12 06- PORTELET 26 R Williams 8-9 D Biggs 11

9-4 Biya, 4-1 Inn At The Top, 9-2 Pleasant Memories, 13-2 Zesti, 8-1 others.

2.30 DAILY STAR AWT CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: Div I: £2,911: 1m 2f) (10)

1 -06- GENERAL CHASE 12 (D,F,G) I Campbell 5-9-10 S Sanders (5) 8
2 000- MOEWAI 23J (G) M Meade 6-9-5 A Clark 3
3 00-0 WAHEM 9 (B,F) C Brittain 5-9-4 B Doyle 9
4 54-4 GIVE IN 3 (B,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 8-9-2 R Cochrane 10
5 050- CALSAR 29 (G,S) P Howling 5-9-2 J Quinn 6
6 304- SCOTTISH PARK 12 (F,G,S) R Emery 6-9-0 J Williams 5
7 526- LEXUS 152J (D,G) R Williams 7-9-0 Sarah Thompson (7) 2
8 043- LADY SABINA 89 W Musson 5-9-0 M Wigham 7
9 000- NIGHT EDITION 23 (E,CD,G,S) S Dow 5-8-13 Stephen Davies 1
10 005- SILVER BRIEF 49J (G) D French Davis 4-8-7 L Dettori 4

11-4 Lacy Sacra, 3-1 Give In, 9-2 Scottish Park, 6-1 Lexus, 8-1 Wahem, Silver Brief, 14-1 Moewai, 15-1 others.

3.00 WAVERLEY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,539: 6f) (5)

1 12-1 STOPPES BROW 5 (V,C,G) G L Moore 9-12 (7ex) L Sothern (7) 4
2 11-2 HANNAH'S USHER 5 (F,G) P Hiam 9-7 J Weaver 5
3 62-1 CRYSTAL LOOP 5 (D,G) A Bailey 9-1 (7ex) D Wright (3) 3
4 424- PLEASURE BEACH 23 (V,G) W O'Gorman 8-10 Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
5 500- POLLY SARTER 42 R Hannon 8-4 T Williams 1

2-1 Stoppes Brow, 9-4 Hannah's Usher, 7-2 Crystal Loop, 5-1 others.

3.30 IVANHOE HANDICAP
(£2,726: 1m 5f) (9)

1 253- INTENTION 30J I Campbell 5-10-0 S Mulvey (5) 8
2 -40- HOLIDAY ISLAND 14J (C,F,S) R Akehurst 6-9-8 G Carter 1
3 121- SCALP 'EM 12 (CD,F,G) P Evans 7-9-6 A Clark 3
4 60-6 HEAD TURNER 7 (C,D,G,S) C Wildman 7-9-5 N Adams 5
5 00- MARKETING MAN 34J Pat Mitchell 5-8-10 J McLaughlin 4
6 13-2 WOTTASHAMBLES 7 (B,CD,BF,G) G Lewis 4-8-6 A Garth (5) 2
7 66-3 ROYAL CIRCUS 9 (F,G) J O'Shea 6-8-4 D R McCabe (5) 9
8 00-0 MISHTY KINGDOM 7 R Emery 4-8-3 S Sanders (5) 6
9 545- HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 16J (G) R Hollinshead 4-8-3 J Quinn 7

7-4 Scalp 'Em, 11-4 Wottashambles, 5-1 Intention, 7-1 Holiday Island, 8-1 others.

4.00 DAILY STAR AWT CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: Div II: £2,897: 1m 2f) (9)

1 64-2 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 7 (CD,F,G) G Balding 8-9-13 S Drowne (5) 8
2 06-3 ROCKSTINE 8 (CD,G) P Mitchell 4-9-7 L Dettori 6
3 01- KAAFIH HOMM 23 (C,G) N Callaghan 4-9-5 R Cochrane 1
4 623- QUEEN OF SHANNON 29 (G,S) B Meehan 7-9-2 M Tebbutt 7
5 084- ZUNO NOELYN 62 (F) R Akehurst 4-9-2 G Carter 4
6 063- CARPATHIAN 23 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 J Weaver 3
7 601- GOLDEN HADEER 290 (S) M Ryan 4-8-11 D Biggs 9
8 000- PAPAGOS 12 S Dow 4-8-2 Stephen Davies 2
9 40- KELLY'S KITE 376 (F,G) H Collingridge 7-7-13 C Hawksley (5) 5

2-1 Rockstine, 4-1 Kaafih Homm, 9-2 Golden Hadeer, 5-1 Queen Of Shannon, Carpathian, 6-1 Zuno Noelyn, 10-1 Camden's Ransom, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 19 winners from 81 runners, 23.5%, Lord Huntingdon, 25 from 112, 22.3%, W O'Gorman, 33 from 161, 20.5%; M Johnston, 27 from 134, 20.1%; K McAuliffe, 3 from 15, 20.0%; G Lewis, 8 from 43, 18.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 47 winners from 166 rides, 28.3%, Emma O'Gorman, 38 from 168, 22.6%, J Weaver, 21 from 110, 19.1%; R Cochrane, 17 from 116, 14.7%, B Doyle, 22 from 165, 13.3%; Stephen Davies, 14 from 106, 13.2%.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

1.10 Fools Errand
1.40 Kilmington
2.10 Bradbury Star
2.40 Nordic Crown
3.10 Lake Mission
3.40 Holy Zeal
4.10 CHERYL'S LAD (nap)

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.10 JAMBOREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,574: 2m) (18 runners)

101 2-51013 THE CAUMRUE 44 (CD,G,S) (On The Rao Pinns) G Balding 7-11-10 Ross Berry (3) 95
102 11-0 THE EXECUTOR 23 (BF,F) (J Joseph) M Pipe 5-11-7 L Reynolds (3) 86
103 P-34356 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 29 (D,G,S) (Hawbridge Cheese Ltd) P Hobbs 6-11-5 G Tormey 97
104 21/3645 JURZ 14 (D,G,S) (P Slade) R Hodges 7-11-5 T Jenks 99
105 /1412-4 JUMP START 72 (CD,G,S) (S Pike) S Pike 8-11-3 P McLoughlin 95
106 184-0 FOOLS ERRAND 42 (S) (Mrs D Russell) R Hasson 6-11-3 D Fortt 96
107 30-4042 LEGAL ARTIST 27 (G) (T Johnsey) Miss C Johnsey 5-10-13 Guy Lewis 96
108 433541 MORSTOCK 17 (CD,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 5-10-12 T Dascombe (3) 94
109 4-02122 NORDANSK 14 (D,F,S) (D Knight) M Madgwick 6-10-11 F Leahy 98
110 10/6-25F MASTER REACH 30 (D,F) (H Ormesher) B Meehan 6-10-10 G Hogan –
111 20-3611 DULZURA 43 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Bozier) A Jarvis 7-10-8 P Morris (3) 96
112 1-F0065 GRECIAN LADY 23F (D,G) (S Garnsey) K Burke 6-10-8 G Crone (3) –
113 00450-P THE PERISHER 17 (R Woodward) Mrs J Retter 6-10-8 S O'Donnell (3) –
114 000PP5- FRONT PAGE 300 (D,G,S) (Amity Finance Ltd) J Akehurst 8-10-7 J A McCarthy 90
115 45-3214 CORRIN HILL 127 (F,S) (B Froome) R Hodges 8-10-6 J Harris (5) 93
116 4-36351 GREEN'S FAIR 14 (S) (N Ahler) G Ham 5-10-5 A P McCoy 97
117 5161F-6 FRANKUS 40 (F,G) (J Woodward & Partners) S Mellor 6-10-0 Chris Webb (3) 85
118 /000/F4 BE MY ERA 14 (G) (G Leigh) R Babbage 7-10-0 Philip Hughes (3) 89

Long handicap: Frankus 9-11, Be My Era 9-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Green's Fair, 6-1 Morstock, 7-1 The Caumrue, Legal Artist, 8-1 Nordansk, Dulzura, 10-1 others.

1994: MISS EQUILIA 8-10-13 L Reynolds (6-1) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUMP START 7½l 4th of 12 to Chickabiddy in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good) with THE CAUMRUE (1lb worse off) 2l 7th. MORSTOCK beat Farrollon 1½l in 17-runner novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). NORDANSK 2l 2nd of 8 to Redeemyourself in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). DULZURA beat Charlycia 1½l in 14-runner handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). GREEN'S FAIR beat Sovereign Niche 9l in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft) with JURZ (10lb better off) distance 5th.

Selection: MORSTOCK

1.40 SPETISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,460: 2m) (21 runners)

201 P BALDHU CHANCE 17 (T Long) R Hodges 7-11-5 I Lawrence –
202 2543-42 BELL ONE 98 (Mrs J Selfick) A Dunn 6-11-5 Peter Hobbs 84
203 P CALIPO BELLO 34 (Express Caterers Partnership) F Murphy 5-11-5 M Foster –
204 0- CORRIB SONG 257 (Mrs D Price) T Forster 6-11-5 R Farrant –
205 00-2 CRACKING IDEA 52 (A Parker) J Edwards 7-11-5 N Williamson –
206 0 FEVER PITCH 33 (Four No Trumps Partnership) R Frost 5-11-5 J Frost –
207 P HAWAIIAN SAM 24 (B Bissell) A Turnell 5-11-5 L Harvey –
208 00-08P0 JASON'S BOY 22 (W Jones) J Bradley 5-11-5 A P McCoy (3) 74
209 5 KILMINGTON 43 (H Pelham) J Gifford 6-11-5 P Hide 83
210 00-P MR DRUMMOND 79 (L Fast) A Jarvis 6-11-5 P Holley –
211 ROYAL MEMORY (P Evans) C Weedon 5-11-5 D O'Sullivan –
212 FFPRP-5 VITAL SCORE 22 (Mrs A Pollard) C Mann 9-11-5 R Dunwoody 77
213 0364-UP BOURREL 48 (N Bowden) C Barwell 7-11-0 Mr Richard White (7) –
214 21- CONQUERING LEADER 281 (S) (Mrs B Procter) N Henderson 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
215 LITTLE DASI (Mrs K Birchenhough) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 W Marston –
216 2 MAMMY'S CHOICE 17 (P Young) R Alner 5-11-0 S Earle 89
217 03PR03- MARCONDA 294 (G Ham) G Ham 6-11-0 G Upton –
218 000-0 MISS PALEFACE 28 (Miss P Mitsey) Mrs J Retter 7-11-0 S Burrough –
219 0/49-U0 RENT DAY 89 (D Sare) J Mallins 6-11-0 S Curran (3) –
220 PRETTY SCARCE (The Tavern Syndicate) S Sherwood 4-10-2 J Osborne –
221 0 SULIANA 64 (C Raymond) R Buckler 4-10-2 B Powell –

BETTING: 5-1 Bell One, 6-1 Kilmington, Mammy's Choice, 7-1 Little Dasi, 8-1 Pretty Scarce, 10-1 others.

1994: GALES CAVALIER 6-11-5 R Dunwoody (11-4 fav) D Gandolfo 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELL ONE 2½l 2nd of 12 to Kimbers in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). CRACKING IDEA 7l 2nd of 19 to Altaarm in National Hunt Flat race at Catterick (2m, good). KILMINGTON 13½l 5th of 14 to More Dash Thancash in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). MAMMY'S CHOICE 3½l 2nd of 13 to Persistent Gunner in novice hurdle over course and distance (good).

Selection: BELL ONE

2.10 JOHN BULL CHASE
(£6,678: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

301 245-215 BRADBURY STAR 17 (B,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 10-11-10 P Hide 99
302 2212-11 DUBLIN FLYER 33 (CD,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 9-11-10 B Powell 78
303 111182 LUSTY LIGHT 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (B H Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-10 W Marston 84
304 60/4P-P3 BANG ON TARGET 17 (S) (J Bowen) W G Turner 7-11-2 S Burrough 50
305 03-2443 MIGHTY FALCON 23 (CD,F,G,S) (R Tory) R Alner 10-11-3 S Earle 58

BETTING: 4-6 Bradbury Star, 7-4 Dublin Flyer, 5-1 Lusty Light, 66-1 Mighty Falcon, 100-1 Bang On Target.

1994: DEEP SENSATION 9-11-10 D Murphy (4-9 fav) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRADBURY STAR about 10½l 5th of 9 to Algan in the grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, soft). Previously beat Second Schedual head in the 14-runner grade III Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). DUBLIN FLYER beat Nuaffe short-head in the 11-runner grade III Tripleprint Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft). LUSTY LIGHT 2l 2nd of 3 to Martha's Son in conditions chase over course and distance (good) with BANG ON TARGET (2lb better off) distance 3rd.

Selection: BRADBURY STAR (nap)

2.40 BLACKMORE VALE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,303: 2m) (19 runners)

401 0-6P MENDIP SON 54 (Mrs B Davis) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-12-0 J R Kavanagh 65
402 6-0 ROYAL COUP 45 (Mrs B Hilliard) T Forster 8-12-0 J Osborne –
403 252435 RUNAWAY PETE 10 (F,S) (Pareo Associates) A Barrow 5-12-0 A P McCoy (3) 89
404 P ADMIRALS REALM 14 (D Gifford) N Ayliffe 6-11-10 B Murphy (7) –
405 4-64232 FULL SHILLING 12 (A Shaw) K Burke 6-11-6 N Williamson 70
406 32/5-PP5 IL BAMBINO 23 (H Manners) H Manners 7-11-8 M Appleby (7) 56
407 PP MUSCAT 14 (B) (P Jones) P Jones 6-11-6 V Slattery –
408 0 DRAGONMIST 14 (R Dove) M Madgwick 5-11-6 F Leahy (5) –
409 3P ANIF 17 (J Joseph) R Frost 4-11-2 J Frost –
410 SCUD MISSILE 107F (J Fower) G Johnson Houghton 4-11-2 A Thornton –
411 AVRIL ETOILE 161F (Miss B Small) C Jones 5-11-1 G Upton –
412 P04/0 CHARDAY 22 (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 10-11-1 Pat Thompson (7) –
413 05P6F3- OUR NIKKI 283 (A Blomberg) P Rodford 5-11-1 S Burrough 52
414 F0 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 12 (Mrs J Cleary) G Balding 4-10-12 S Fox (5) –
415 411261 NORDIC CROWN 12 (B,D,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 4-10-11 R Dunwoody 99
416 OLD MASTER 218F (S McCausland) R Baker 4-10-10 L Harvey –
417 005450 A SUITABLE GIRL 44 (W Clifford) D Williams 4-10-5 M A Fitzgerald 57
418 0 COLBY'S PRIDE 12F (M Sturgess) Mrs S Williams 4-10-5 S McNeill 70
419 U SO WE KNOW 5 (D Smith) J Bradley 4-10-5 R Farrant –

BETTING: 5-4 Nordic Crown, 9-2 Runaway Pete, 10-1 Mendip Son, 12-1 Avril Etoile, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RUNAWAY PETE 4½l 3rd of 7 to Saint Ciel in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft) on penultimate start. FULL SHILLING 25l 2nd of 4 to Nordic Valley in selling hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). ANIF 17l 3rd of 9 to Tordo in juvenile hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NORDIC CROWN beat Minster's Madam 13l in 7-runner claiming juvenile hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft).

Selection: NORDIC CROWN

ONE-MINUTE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 LILLO LUMB CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,588: 3m 1f 110yd) (15 runners)

501 532102- JUST SO 278 (S) (H Cole) H Cole 12-12-0 B Powell 99
502 23P/11-P LAKE MISSION 35 (G) (W Montgomery) S Sherwood 10-11-5 J Osborne 95
503 P2P-42P BONSAI BUD 70 (CD,F,G,S) (P De Wilde) D Murray Smith 12-11-5 D Gallagher 93
504 1/4F30-4 LE PICCOLAGE 63 (BF,G,S) (Lord Moslyn) N Henderson 11-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 95
505 230-251 ANNIO CHILONE 30 (G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 9-10-12 P Hide 91
506 6/5P1-4P RIO HAINA 78 (F,G,S) (Mrs R J-Houghton) G Johnson Houghton 10-10-11 A Thornton 90
507 10-255F SUNLEY BAY 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Sotman) P Nicholls 9-10-10 R Dunwoody 88
508 5/12F-3 CELTIC BARLE 13 (G,S) (Mrs J Hodge) H Hodge 11-10-10 S McNeill 85
509 22415P- LUCKY LANE 299 (B,F,G,S) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 11-10-7 C Maude 85
510 P/PF14P- HILL TRIX 283 (G) (Mrs E Ellis) K Bishop 9-10-4 R Greene 95
511 P21545 L'UOMO PIU 14 (F,G,S) (C Spencer) A Barrow 11-10-2 N Williamson 92
512 -30-22FU EBONY GALE 14 (G,S) (F Winslan) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-1 W Marston 97
513 1F0U-32 MR FLANAGAN 44 (B) (Mrs R Stanley) C Brooks 9-10-0 G Bradley 98
514 22P-43F NICKLUP 45 (C,S) (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 8-10-0 J R Kavanagh 92
515 PP-21F3 POP SONG 8 (F,G,S) (G Roe) G Roe 11-10-0 J Railton 83

Long handicap: Nicklup 9-13, Pop Song 9-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Annio Chilone, 6-1 Mr Flanagan, 7-1 Lake Mission, 8-1 Nicklup, Just So, 10-1 Bonsai Bud, Sunley Bay, 12-1 others.

1994: AUCTION LAW 10-11-1 J Frost (10-1) D Barons 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUST SO 11½l 2nd of 36 to Miinnehoma in the grade III Martell Grand National at Aintree (4m 4f, heavy). LAKE MISSION beat Blustery Fellow 4l in handicap chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. BONSAI BUD 10l 2nd of 5 to Tammy's Friend over course and distance (firm) on penultimate start. ANNIO CHILONE beat Tammy's Friend ¾l in handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). SUNLEY BAY best effort last season, beat Cool And Easy 2l in handicap chase over course and distance (soft). HILL TRIX in rear when pulled up. CELTIC BARLE neck and 5l 3rd to Jailbreaker in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). HILL TRIX best effort last season, beat Taramoss 3l in novice chase at Newbury (3m, good). MR FLANAGAN 2½l 2nd to Melnagris in handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good).

Selection: SUNLEY BAY

3.40 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,478: 2m 6f) (21 runners)

601 102153 KINDLE'S DELIGHT 41 (BF,G) (Castle Farm Stud) Miss H Knight 7-11-12 J Osborne 94
602 P4-2F32 APACHE PRINCE 22 (B) (Mrs V Linden) C Mann 8-11-8 R Dunwoody 94
603 1 HOLY ZEAL 14 (S) (Mrs J Clegg) C Egerton 9-11-8 D Gallagher 96
604 06650-0 PRINCE TEETON 17 (Mrs S Richards) R Buckler 6-11-4 B Powell 92
605 00-0P41 WISE STATEMENT 41 (G) (M Hamby) G Balding 6-11-2 R Arnold (7) 94
606 630222- GLADYS EMMANUEL 226 (T Pocock) R Pocock 8-11-1 P McLoughlin (5) 91
607 30-0P65 BEE MOY DO 22 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 7-10-12 B Clifford 90
608 4420SP- RAGTIME BOY 17 (Mrs J Clarke) C Burwell 7-10-11 M A Fitzgerald 87
609 5400-00 STORMY PETREL 28 (Mrs A MacEwan) P Walwyn 6-10-11 P Hide –
610 3019-04 SEBASTOPOL 22 (G) (D Page) P Nicholls 6-10-10 C Maude 93
611 4P-52F0 STORM FALCON 17 (BF) (E Dalby) S Mellor 5-10-9 M Perrett 89
612 044 BLUE RAVEN 26 (D Bose) P Hobbs 4-10-8 Peter Hobbs 80
613 0P0500- BALLYMGYR 250 (Mrs B Kavanagh) S Mellor 6-10-8 Chris Webb (7) 80
614 0203440- OATS N BARLEY 404 (F Landrigan) P Rodford 6-10-5 S Burrough 89
615 05-FF04 CATS RUN 26 (Mrs A Key) J Upson 7-10-4 J R Kavanagh 98
616 049 NIKABOO 38 (Mrs C Janway) J King 9-10-0 D Meredith (3) 84
617 6F2-FFF CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 22 (Mrs C Murray) O O'Neill 7-10-0 G Hogan (5) 79
618 80-P5P FRA'S GIRL 17 (Lady Susan Brooke) Lady Susan Brooke 7-10-0 Mr R Johnson (7) –
619 00/P-P35 IDIOM 27 (BF) (Mrs J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 8-10-0 Mr J Culloty (7) 99
620 000/0 TREASURE RUN 72 (J Amor) J King 8-10-0 N Williamson –
621 /R0/PP SOUTH BAR 23 (Mrs M Greenway) V Greenway 10-10-0 J James (7) –

Long handicap: Nikaboo 9-9, Carlingford Lights 9-8, Fra's Girl 9-7, Idiom 9-4, Treasure Run 9-0, South Bar 8-4.

BETTING: 9-2 Holy Zeal, 5-1 Kindle's Delight, 6-1 Wise Statement, 8-1 Apache Prince, 10-1 Storm Falcon, Gladys Emmanuel, 12-1 others.

1994: TOP BRASS 6-11-6 N Williamson (8-1) K Bailey 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

KINDLE'S DELIGHT best recent effort, beat Nuns Cone 3½l in 18-runner novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, good) with RAGTIME BOY (4lb better off) 7½l 7th. APACHE PRINCE 9l 2nd of 12 to Certain Angle in novice handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good) with BEE MOY DO (1lb better off) 7l 5th. HOLY ZEAL beat Spring Saint 1¾l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). WISE STATEMENT beat Certain Angle neck in conditional jockeys' novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110y, good) with KINDLE'S DELIGHT (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd, APACHE PRINCE behind when fell 3 out. GLADYS EMMANUEL 2½l 2nd of 13 to Highly Reputable in maiden hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, firm). IDIOM 9½l 3rd of 9 to Captain Khedive in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start.

Selection: KINDLE'S DELIGHT

4.10 SPETISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,443: 2m) (20 runners)

1 131-31 CHERYL'S LAD 35 (F,S) (Mrs E Belsey) N Henderson 5-11-11 M A Fitzgerald 97
2 12P INDIAN ARROW 70 (F) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-11 C Maude 97
3 2013-1 LIGHTENING LAD 70 (CD,G,S) (R Peterson) J King 7-11-11 G McCourt 94
4 0-531 PERSISTENT GUNNER 17 (CD,G) (P Slade) R Hodges 5-11-6 T Jenks (3) 99
5 2 BOLD DOLPHIN 38 (S Preston) T Forster 5-11-5 R Farrant –
6 0- CHARLIE BEE 420 (Mrs B Bishop) R Buckler 6-11-5 B Powell –
7 31-6 DISTANT ECHO 66 (BF,F) (M Fordham) D Arbuthnot 5-11-5 R Dunwoody –
8 25104-4 DOMINIE 30 (BF,S) (M Shaw) J Edwards 7-11-5 N Williamson 60
9 04 DO RIGHTLY 17 (J Fitzpatrick) M Bradstock 6-11-5 P Holley 83
10 -20 ELEGANT SPECTACLE 56 (Lady Blyth) D Murray Smith 5-11-5 A Thornton –
11 0P EYRE POINT 59 (Malcom Pic) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 W Marston –
12 P LOCH GARMAN 41 (Mrs R Cairns) F Murphy 5-11-5 B Murphy (5) –
13 5-60 MERLINS DREAM 45 (W Yeo) O Sherwood 6-11-5 J Osborne 75
14 05-0 WARNER FOR SPORT 22 (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 6-11-5 Peter Hobbs 69
15 WATERFORD COURT (Mrs P Wills) A Dunn 6-11-5 M Hourigan –
16 62 WELL TIMED 17 (Mrs G Roberts) R Frost 5-11-5 J Frost 92
17 WHISPERING COURT (Court Jesters Partnership 2) A Turnell 5-11-5 D Fortt (5) –
18 0P- JUST FOR A LARK 405 (R Morgans) D Burchell 5-11-0 D J Burchell –
19 05530-4 THE QUAKER 17 (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-0 Lorna Vincent 79
20 TREWORNAN BRIDGE (A Moriarty) F Murphy 5-11-0 M Foster –

BETTING: 3-1 Cheryl's Lad, 5-1 Lightening Lad, 6-1 Indian Arrow, 7-1 Persistent Gunner, 8-1 Well Timed, 10-1 Merlins Dream, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

CHERYL'S LAD beat Nine O Three 12l in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). INDIAN ARROW 6l 2nd of 9 to Fieldridge in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. LIGHTENING LAD beat Jhal Frezi 5l in 20-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (2m, good) with WELL TIMED (5lb better off) 11l 6th. PERSISTENT GUNNER beat Mammy's Choice 3½l in novice hurdle over course and distance (good). BOLD DOLPHIN 28l 2nd of 14 to Duke's Mount in National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow (2m, soft). DOMINIE 23½l 4th of 7 to Padishah in novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). MERLINS DREAM 15l 5th of 14 to More Dash Thancash in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good).

Selection: CHERYL'S LAD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	19	59	32.2	T Jenks	3	12	25.0
O Sherwood	9	28	32.1	R Dunwoody	33	148	22.3
M Pipe	33	113	29.2	J Osborne	10	54	18.5
N Twiston-Davies	8	35	22.9	M Perrett	5	34	14.7
J Edwards	3	14	21.4	J R Kavanagh	4	28	14.3
R Alner	7	37	18.9	W McFarland	4	29	13.8

Australian plan threatens Rugby World Cup pact



David Hands reveals a threat to northern hemisphere hopes to stage the sport's showpiece tournament

Australia, New Zealand and Japan gather in Sydney today to discuss a proposal for a tripartite bid to keep the 1999 Rugby World Cup (RWC) in the southern hemisphere. In what could be a significant vote-catching exercise, representatives of the three countries will determine whether to place a consortium bid before the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) on March 6.

On that date, all countries interested in bidding for the 1999 event will make presentations: they include Argentina, France, Wales and England — although the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will decide tomorrow whether to proceed with its bid or whether to support the Welsh project to bring the 1999 final to a refurbished Cardiff Arms Park.

When the tournament was inaugurated in 1987, the general principle was accepted — if only as a gentlemen's agreement — that it should alternate between the hemispheres. This year, it takes place in South Africa and, therefore, the northern hemisphere might expect to host the tournament in four years' time, but for the fact that Australians now perceive the principle as out-dated.

"It's not an aggressive attempt to keep the tournament in the southern hemisphere," Dick McGruther, who is chairing the Australian Rugby Union working party, said yesterday. "We wanted to present an Asian-Pacific bid, which would fall into the same time zone, which would be significant in commercial terms, if the Japanese were involved, and which follows rugby's achieving Olympic recognition."

Sydney will host the Olympic Games in 2000 and, were the consortium to be successful, the 1999 RWC final would be played at the city's new Homebush Stadium (capacity 80,000) with one of the pools being played in Japan and another in New Zealand (regardless of the logistic and legal problems that haunted the 1991 event played across three distinct national jurisdictions in Britain, Ireland and France).

One item for debatewould be how the consortium would stand were Japan not to qualify for the 1999 event, but the planning includes encouragement of rugby union in Asia as a whole at a time when China — if only, in rugby terms, via the Hong Kong union — is becoming a significant player on the international sports stage.

Tender documents are due to be sent out this week by RWC and applications are sought by the end of the month. Only one host country will be specified, which will not prevent pool matches being farmed out, as would be the case were England or Wales to place a successful bid. However, the RFU's executive committee has to make a knotty decision because it has been hamstrung by a verbal commitment made in 1988.

At the annual meeting of the IRFB that year, the late John Kendall-Carpenter, the former RFU president, who was then chairman of Rugby World Cup, said that if England hosted the 1991 final (which it did), it would, in turn, support a Welsh bid for the final to be staged in Cardiff if the tournament returned to Britain eight years later. Kendall-Carpenter, who died in 1990, had no authority from the RFU to make such a commitment, but it is integral to Welsh plans for an enhanced Arms Park or a new stadium capable of holding between 65,000 and 70,000. In the last seven years, of course, Twickenham itself has developed and, after this year, will be the largest purpose-built rugby stadium in the world, capable of holding 75,000.

The meeting tomorrow must decide whether there is a moral commitment to the Welsh cause that should be honoured or whether a statement made without proper authority should be disregarded in favour of the logistical strength of England's position. The dragon going into battle wearing an English rose — now there's a thought.

Selectors reward success in A team

BY ALAN LORIMER

THE Scotland rugby union selectors have acted in the most radical manner for decades and have made nine changes to the side that lost 34-10 to South Africa at Murrayfield last November for the game against Canada on the same ground on January 21. The most conspicuous omissions are Derrick Patterson and Scott Hastings, while there are returns for Damian Cronin, Peter Wright and Gregor Townsend.

Hastings has undoubtedly been affected by the hamstring tear he suffered while playing for the Barbarians against the South Africans on December 3, an injury that has effectively sidelined him. He had made himself available, but was not included in the side. His place at outside centre goes to Townsend.

There will be considerable surprise at the non-selection of Patterson, who was regardced as one of the successes from the match against South Africa. Yesterday, at Murrayfield, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, conceded that it was a case of Bryan Redpath playing himself into the team with a very good performance for Scotland A against Italy last Saturday.

Redpath is one of seven players from the A team to win promotion. These seven include the two new caps in the side — Eric Peters and Stewart Campbell. Rob Wainwright, who played for the A team against South Africa, is arguably an eighth player from the junior side to make the step up.

Campbell, the Dundee lock, is just 22, but has made steady progress since winning his first A cap, against France last year. An genuinely athletic jumper, the 6ft 6in Campbell toured Argentina with Scotland last summer and played in the winning A side against South Africa.

Campbell takes over from Andy Reed, the Bath lock, whose has a back injury, which could keep him out of the game for up to a month.

Peters, born in Glasgow, captained Cambridge to victory over Oxford in 1991 in his second University match and, this season, opted to adopt Scottish colours when he agreed to play for the Scottish Exiles in the inter-district championship.

Capped twice in Argentina, Craig Joiner, the Melrose wing, will make his first appearance at Murrayfield. Elsewhere, Alan Sharp, whose selection was in doubt because of a back injury, has fended off the challenge of David Hilton, the Bath prop.

Canada, led by Gareth Rees, of Oxford University, will assemble on Saturday for a week together before the game at Murrayfield. However, they will be without Al Charron, who was injured while playing for the Barbarians against the South Africans last month, and two significant contributors to their most recent internationals, against England and France, David Lougheed and Gordon MacKinnon.

Lougheed, the tall wing who scored two tries against England, cannot get time away from his teaching post and MacKinnon, the experienced flanker, is alleged to have had a difference of opinion with the team management.

SCOTLAND

A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C A Joiner (Melrose), G P J Townsend (Gala), I C Jardine (Stirling County), K M Logan (Stirling County), C M Chalmers (Melrose), B W Redpath (Melrose), A V Sharp (Bristol), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), R I Wainwright (West Hartlepool), D F Cronin (Bourges), S J Campbell (Dundee HSFP), I R Morrison (London Scottish), E W Peters (Bath). Replacements: I C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), A G Shiel (Melrose), D W Patterson (West Hartlepool), G W Weir (Melrose), A P Burnell (London Scottish), K D McKenzie (Stirling County)

CANADA SQUAD: Backs: S Stewart, C Smith, W Stanley, C Stewart, S Gray, R Toews, G Rees (captain), R Ross, J Graf, I MacKay. Forwards: M Cardinal, K Svoboda, E Evans, D Jackart, P le Blanc, N Hadley, M James, B Breen, J Hutchinson, I Gordon, C McKenzie

☐ Pontypridd seem certain to be without Neil Jenkins, the Wales stand-off half, for their Heineken League match at Llanelli tonight. Jenkins suffered a knee injury during the club's defeat at Newbridge on Saturday and, although he is almost back to full fitness, he is likely to rest the injury to ensure that there is no further damage before Wales's international in Paris on January 21. Pontypridd slipped two points behind Cardiff, the leaders, at the weekend, but have a game — tonight's — in hand.

"The Newbridge match was the first we deserved to lose [this season] and the better side won on the day," Dennis John, the Pontypridd coach, said, "but it's nice to get the chance to bounce straight back and I still believe a club can win the league championship this season despite having lost four or maybe even five matches."

JULIAN HERBERT



Eva Banister and Cheryl Done, her brakeman, put everything into squad training at Thorpe Park last weekend

Jolly japes hide dreams of gold

Stuart Jones discovers members of the British women's bobsleigh squad with their sights set on a World Cup victory at St Moritz next week

For a team about to take on the world, the portents were less than auspicious. During the one and only genuine practice, lasting for a week on the Olympic track at Igls in Austria last month, the runners on the British women's No 1 bobsleigh were put on the wrong way round.

Annette Brown, the brakeman, was responsible for the error and she paid a breath-taking penalty for it. With her driver, Michelle Coy, she had to end the day by immersing herself in a frozen pond.

Such jolly japes, with echoes of the Jamaican men's difficulties filmed in *Cool Running*, might be considered appropriate. The team competes on a surface that it scarcely ever sees and, last year, because financial resources were so limited, was able to enter only one race.

Yet, on the eve of departure for Switzerland, the team coach expressed the belief that Britain could win the second of the two forthcoming World Cup races scheduled in St Moritz. Tom De-La-Hunty should know. He was himself a competitor at the Winter Olympic Games at Sarajevo in 1984 and Calgary in 1988.

"They are well coached," he explained, with just a hint of a smile. "They have good equipment, they are well motivated and we have extensive knowledge of the track." He concedes that there is a technical problem, though, for the first race next Wednesday. The nation's prime sleds are to be used by the men in the British championships, at Igls, staged at the same time, before being driven over to Switzerland. The women will have to use reserve sleds until the weekend, but, De-La-Hunty said, "by then, we will have had another three days of practice and we could be in a position to win".

The prospect is heady, especially as the British women's team is still in its infancy. Although British women have been competing since 1990, this team was born three years ago through advertisements published by the Royal Air Force, which ran a series of courses for novices, principally at Thorpe Park, near Staines in Surrey.

It was there that the national representatives completed their meagre training regime last weekend. As Coy put it: "You push a trolley, simulating a bobsleigh, downhill, jump on and then push it back." The technique is as simple as it sounds.

It is also crucial. Shaving fractions of a second at the top of the run should lead to the carving of seconds off the time at the bottom. "The women suffer from their start times," De-La-Hunty said, "but there is no reason why they can't be as good at driving as the men."

Coy remembers being "frightened to death" when she first hurtled down the icy tube. She says she still is sometimes, particularly when facing a new track. "But the opportunity came up and I thought I'd give it a go," she said. Four crashes have not yet diminished her bravado.

One collision in Igls has already put her former brakeman out of contention. Tugging too sharply on the ropes that guide the sled down the track in less than 60 seconds, Dawn McMonagle oversteered, ploughed into trouble and was injured.

Her colleagues are all serving members of the RAF, who agreed to fund last year's lone venture, to Winterberg in Germany. A new sponsor has since been found. According to De-La-Hunty, British Aerospace, which also backs the men's team, has made a "handsome" contribution.

With the company's assistance, the team is about to undergo its final World Cup preparations. They will "walk the track" before plummeting down it, twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon, searching for the fastest line.

The track has been built parallel to the Cresta Run, which is designed for the toboggan and for, what De-La-Hunty calls more "social, ya-hoo events". The Swiss team goes down it three or four times a week. Coy has not yet even seen it. Nevertheless, she is optimistic. "We came second in that race last year [when Ross was driving] and that wasn't a fluke," she said. "We know that we can do it." Assuming, naturally, that Brown puts the runners on the right way round.

Cup challengers in race to get ready

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

A CYCLE of monsoon weather one day followed by flat calm the next has hampered the ten crews preparing in San Diego for the start today of the America's Cup elimination trials. Latecomers to the waters off Point Loma, like Chris Dickson's *South Pacific Challenge*, the Spanish entry, which is skippered by Pedro Campos, and Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*, which was damaged during a typhoon last week, have been particularly hard-hit by the lack of practice time available.

The only consolation is that, with the points system for both the challenge and defence series loaded during the later stages of the Louis Vuitton and Citizen Cup trials, the single point gained for each victory scored during the initial round-robin series offers little more than a psychological boost. It is when there are seven points at stake for the defenders and five for the challengers, during the final round-robin trials in March, that victories will really count.

The lengthy programme to decide the two finalists to compete in the America's Cup in May is designed to hone both crews to a fine pitch, but the vulnerability of these 75ft grand prix day-racers in wind strengths above 20 knots was highlighted during the world championship last October, when booms, battens and rigging gave way.

John Bertrand, the man who steered Alan Bond's *Australia 2* to grasp the Cup from Dennis Conner back in 1983, is the odds-on favourite to do the same again with *oneAustralia*. His first boat, designed by a consortium of scientists led by John Riechel, of the United States, and Jim Pugh, from England, proved consistently faster than Bill Koch's Cup-holder, *America3*.

A dark horse among the many big names involved this year could well be Dickson's *South Pacific Challenge*. Dickson, who led last winter's Whitbread Round-the-World Race until he was dismasted on a leg back up the Atlantic, has recently won $4 million (£2.5 million) of sponsorship.

That, however, has not stopped the veteran Syd Fischer, of Australia, from looking supremely confident. His yacht, steered by Chris Law, of Britain, shares the same design parentage as *oneAustralia* and has proved faster in certain conditions.

AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGERS

Southern Cross YC (Aus).
Syndicate head: John Bertrand.
Boats: two (oneAustralia; second campaigned from second round-robin series)
Skipper: Bertrand.

YC de Sète (Fr)
Syndicate head: Admiral René Marquèze.
Boats: two (France 2; France 3 campaigned from second round-robin series).
Skipper: Marc Pajot.

Nippon YC (Japan)
Syndicate head: Tatsumitsu Yamasaki.
Boats: two (Nippon '94 and '95).
Skipper: Makoto Namba.

Royal New Zealand YS
Syndicate head: Peter Blake
Boats: two (New Zealand 1 and 2)
Skipper: Russell Coutts.

Tutukaka South Pacific YC (NZ)
Syndicate head: Chris Dickson
Boat: one (South Pacific Challenge)
Skipper: Dickson.

Copa America 95 Desafio Español (Sp)
Syndicate head: Miguel Aguilo.
Boat: one (Roja de España).
Skipper: Pedro Campos.

Australian YC
Syndicate head and skipper: Syd Fischer.
Boat: one (Sydney '95)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

SHESHBESH
(b) A variety of backgammon played in the Middle East, from the Persian *shash* six + Turkish *bes* five.
"In this part of the world we have been playing sheshbesh, what you call backgammon, for nearly three thousand years."

STEYR
(b) A kind of automatic pistol, eponym of Steyr, a town in Upper Austria, where it is made.
"The rifling used in revolvers and self-loading pistols may be divided conveniently into the following types: Steyr type, four grooves; right-hand twist; grooves and lands of equal width. Used in all earlier self-loading pistols, such as the Borchardt."

WEDELN
(a) To use the wedeln technique in skiing, to change direction from side to side, from the German *wedeln* to wag the tail, also transferred to skateboarding.
The Times, 1961: "Sign-posted high roads which shepherd each carload of uninspired humanity down from the heights, wedelning as best they can."

ZINGER
(c) Something outstandingly good of its kind, United States slang formed from *zing* energy, vigour, zest.
The Times, 1968: "I think every actress needs one zinger of a part early in her career."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Be3! wins, eg, 2. Qc1 Bxc1; 3. Rxc1 Nxd3; 4, cxd3 Rxd8 winning on material, or 2, Qb1 Nd1+; 3. Kh1 Rf1+ mating.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Conway heads list of young newcomers

NICK CONWAY, recently with the under-21 team in Spain, steps into the England senior side for the Indira Gandhi hockey tournament in Delhi from February 4 to 12 (Sydney Friskin writes). The other new faces in the squad are Jon Wyatt, Bill Waugh, Ben Sharpe, Guy Fordham, the former England schoolboy captain, and James Wallis.

"Several of the established senior players are not available for the trip to India so we are taking the chance to try out the youngsters," the England manager, David Whittle, said. The squad of 16, which includes only five members of the World Cup team that finished sixth in Sydney, will meet opposition from Australia, South Africa, South Korea, Malaysia, Khazakstan, Poland and India.

ENGLAND SQUAD: S Mason (Firebrands), D Luckes (E Grinstead), J Wyatt (Reading), W Waugh (Southgate), M Sutton (Bournville), A Humphrey (Hull), S Hazlitt (Hounslow), R Crutchley (Hounslow), N Conway (Old Loughtonians), C Giles (Havant), J Lee (E Grinstead), J Wallis (Teddington), B Sharpe (Cannock), G Fordham (Hounslow), Kalbir Takher (Cannock), D Woods (Southgate).

Smith earns promotion

BOWLS: Nigel Smith, of Barking, has been recalled and Gary Smith, of Kent, promoted to play skip in England's 24-man indoor bowls team to contest the home international series at Rushcliffe from March 15 to 17. Steven Farish, 24, of Cumbria, is the only new cap.

ENGLAND TEAM: Rink 1: D Holt (Blackpool Borough), R Cutts (Ipswich), M King (Pinewood Park), A Allcock (Bentham). Rink 2: J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell), *S Farish (Cumbria), J Mills (South Forest), J Bell (Cumbria). Rink 3: D Morgan (East Dorset), R Morgan (East Dorset), Grant Burgess (Perdiswell), G Smith (Cyphers) Rink 4: P Butcher (Cyphers), N Smith (Barking), G Harlow (City of Ealing), A E Tomson (Cyphers). Rink 5: B Morley (Nottingham), M Biggs (Westlecot), C Palmer (Stanley), W Richards (Cambridge Park). Rink 6: J Rednall (Ipswich), B Jenkins (Cambridge Park), S Halmai (Paddington), D Ward (Roundwood) Reserves: G Hatherall (Westlecot), T Houghton (Blackpool Borough), R Moses (Preston), S Airey (Cumbria), J Wickham (Teignbridge)

McCracken's title plan

BOXING: Robert McCracken plans to relinquish his British light-middleweight title, providing he successfully defends the crown next month. McCracken, unbeaten in 21 fights, meets Paul Wesley at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre on February 10 in a bid to win a Lonsdale Belt outright before moving up a division. That would put him in line to meet Neville Brown, the British champion, or Richie Woodhall, the Commonwealth title-holder, who, like McCracken, are managed by Micky Duff.

Favourites overturned

RACKETS: Mark Hubbard and Anthony Scammell, the No 2 seeds, beat Harry Foster and Andrew Hodgson, the favourites, to win the Peel, Hunt under-21 doubles championship. Foster had already won the singles championship and he and Hodgson led 2-1 before Hubbard and Scammell fought their way back into contention. Hodgson, however, twisted his ankle early in the last game and, although he continued bravely, his lack of mobility and obvious discomfort just gave his opponents the edge.

Oxford miss chances

HOCKEY: Oxford University squandered eight short corners, missed numerous other chances and eventually went down 1-0 to London University in the annual hockey match at the Douglas Bader Sports Centre in Oxford yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). London scored from their only short corner of the match, a minute into the second half, a shot by Terris rising into the net off a defender's stick. Oxford piled on the pressure but to no avail.

Wells reclaims lead

GLIDING: On a difficult third day of the world championships at Omarama, New Zealand, Martyn Wells, of Britain, finished sixth to reclaim the overall lead in the standard class by a margin of 27 points. Justin Wills's fourth place took him to third overall in the 15-metre class, 120 points behind the leader, Stefano Ghiorzio, of Italy. Tasks over unlandable ridges with low cloud led to protests from some pilots.

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Villa to let Lamptey leave at end of season

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NII LAMPTEY, the Aston Villa striker, is to return to Anderlecht, the Belgian club, at the end of the football season. The Ghana international, who arrived at Villa Park with such high expectations, has only started three matches for the FA Carling Premiership club.

Lamptey's limited appearances mean that Villa would not, in any case, have been able to secure a new work permit for him next season, but the club has strongly denied claims that it infringed employment department regulations by making Lamptey's transfer a loan deal. Villa said they had agreed to pay Anderlecht £1.3 million for him, but had also insisted on a clause that would allow Lamptey to return to Belgium if the move did not work out.

It means that Lamptey's season with Villa will have cost them only around £200,000. Steve Stride, the Villa company secretary, said: "Lamptey joined us on a 3½-year contract, but work permits are only issued on a 12-month basis. Foreign players are required to play in 75 per cent of matches to qualify for a renewal. Because of the strict criteria, we made contingency plans to cover such a situation." Lamptey would not qualify for a renewal under the regulations even if he played in every game for the remainder of the season.

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, is hoping to be able to cut through government red tape in time for Lamptey's fellow Ghanaian, Anthony Yeboah, to make his debut against Southampton on Saturday. Yeboah, 30, agreed personal terms to join Leeds from Eintracht Frankfurt, the *Bundesliga* club, in a record £3.4 million deal earlier this week, but will not be able to play until his work permit application is granted by the Department of Employment and, as yet, Leeds have not received any correspondence from the it.

Nigel Pleasants, the Leeds secretary, said that Yeboah is due to fly to England today and is then expected to attend a news conference at Elland Road tomorrow morning. "As far as we are aware, Anthony's application is being processed in the normal way." Pleasants said. "We're waiting on the DoE, but hopefully we will have him available to make his debut on Saturday."

Tim Sherwood, the Blackburn Rovers captain, will miss his club's Premiership match against Nottingham Forest at Ewood Park on Saturday and the FA Cup third-round replay with Newcastle United next Wednesday because of suspension. The midfield player has had a two-match ban confirmed by the Football Association after accumulating 31 disciplinary points.

Blackburn may be without Stuart Ripley, their winger, on Saturday as well. Ripley is under treatment for an ankle injury sustained at St James' Park on Sunday. "He went over on the ankle, which is swollen and rather painful," Steve Foster, the Blackburn physiotherapist, said. "It is impossible to say at this stage whether he will be all right for Saturday."

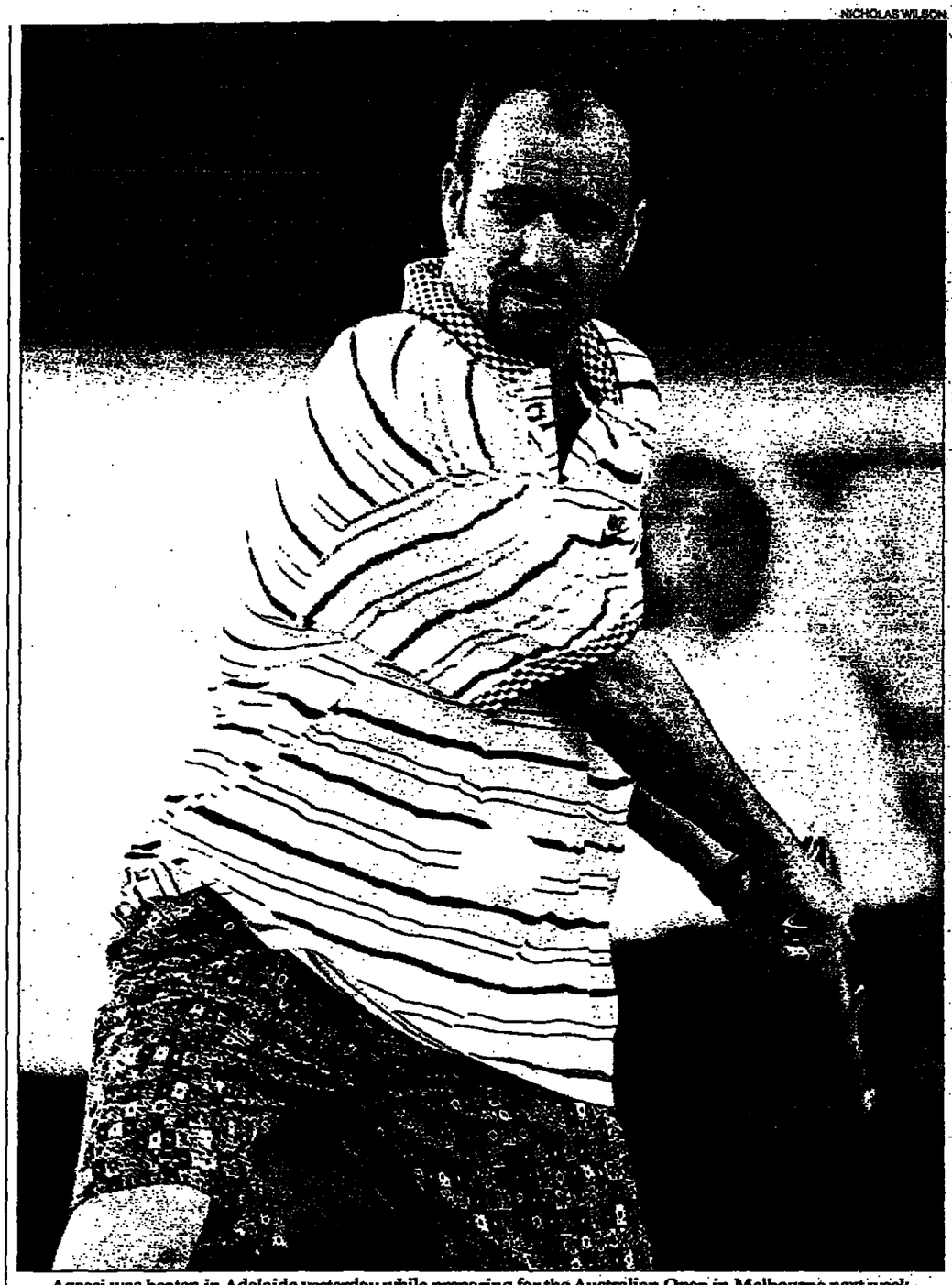
Kenny Dalglish, the Rovers manager, is now back at Ewood Park, having fully recovered from the appendix operation he underwent on Christmas Eve, and could mark his return with another foray into the transfer market. Blackburn are thought likely to ease the financial plight of Leyton Orient, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club, by making a bid for their 17-year-old defender, Darren Purse.

Rovers have made initial enquires about Purse, whom Orient value at £1 million. Dalglish's assistant, Ray Harford, was at Brisbane Road on Tuesday night to watch the centre half help Orient to reach the southern section semi-finals of the Auto Windscreens Shield by beating Bristol Rovers on penalties after a goalless draw. Orient desperately need the money — they have been put up for sale by Tony Wood, the chairman, and the players' wages are being paid by the Professional Footballers' Association.



Lamptey: returning

NICHOLAS WILSON



Agassi was beaten in Adelaide yesterday while preparing for the Australian Open in Melbourne next week

Sampras gets taste of things to come

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETE SAMPRAS, the world No 1, was reminded of the physical challenges that lie ahead at next week's Australian Open tennis championships as he sweated through his opening match of the Colonial Classic event at Kooyong yesterday. The American, officially confirmed as top seed for the year's first grand slam tournament, had to cope with temperatures up to 36C as he beat Wally Masur, of Australia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

The result took him into the semi-finals of the eight-man exhibition event, but Sampras acknowledged that the heat would force him to make a number of concessions when he begins the defence of his title at Flinders Park, starting on Monday. "When the sun is out, it creates the hottest conditions of the year by far," Sampras said, adding that he would probably have to wear a hat in future. "I play a lot in Florida and there's no comparison."

Sampras and half of the population of Melbourne are already fascinated to see how his newly-shaven, prematurely balding rival, Andre Agassi, will react. The 24-year-old from Las Vegas has never experienced Melbourne's often extreme climate and Sampras said drily: "I suggest he wears a hat, too."

Agassi aside, the majority of the world's top ten male players have elected to complete their preparations for the Australian Open by playing at Kooyong. Agassi was beaten by Patrick Rafter, of Australia, in another warm-up tournament in Adelaide. Rafter romped to an emphatic 6-3, 6-2 victory in 52 minutes in the round-robin tournament.

Andrei Medvedev, the No 2 seed, criticised officials after crashing out of the New South Wales Open yesterday against Michael Tebbutt, of Australia. The world No 15, who lost 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, was upset about being asked to play his second-round match on an outside court at White City. "That court feels small. I felt I didn't have any room to run," the Ukrainian said.

In the woman's draw, Gabriela Sabatini, the No 2 seed from Argentina, struggled with the windy conditions before overcoming Naoko Sawamatsu, of Japan, 6-2, 6-3 in their second-round encounter. Nicole Bradtke, of Australia, capped an outstanding day for the host country by beating Brenda Schultz, the No 5 seed, from Holland, 6-0, 7-6.

Jan Siemerink, of Holland, beat the No 1 seed, Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the New Zealand Open in Auckland. Alexandr Volkov, the No 2 seed from Russia, beat Jeremy Bates, of Great Britain, 6-2, 6-4, but Jakob Hlasek upset Javier Sánchez, the No 4 seed from Spain, 6-1, 6-2.

Ice hockey season salvaged by late agreement

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NATIONAL Hockey League (NHL) players yesterday accepted the club owners' "final" contract offer, ending the 103-day lockout and saving the North American ice-hockey season.

"We're happy that hockey is hopefully going be played very soon," the NHL Players' Association president, Mike Gartner, said outside the union's Toronto office. He said a ratification vote would be held among his 700 members and no practices would be held until the ratification was complete.

"We've definitely got a settlement. We've agreed in principle to a deal. We were pretty much pressed for time. We thought it was a good deal," Bob Corkum, the player representative for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, said.

However, Marty McSorley, of the Los Angeles Kings, sounded a note of caution: "I imagine there will be a vote tomorrow," McSorley said. "The players may vote it down and, if we vote it down, we'll have a lot of work ahead of us."

The announcement came the day after a marathon negotiating session in New York when free agency emerged as the last major obstacle between the sides.

The owners made their last-ditch contract proposal after rejecting an agreement hammered out by their league president and the head of the players' union. The owners sent the NHL commissioner, Gary Bettman, back to another meeting with the union representative, Bob Goodenow, with a new proposal agreed at a conference on Tuesday.

The owners passed the latest proposal by a vote of 19-7 after rejecting a Bettman-Goodenow plan for a six-year agreement by 14 votes to 12. It was reported to be a six-year deal that included unrestricted free agency for players aged 32 in the first three years of the contract and for those aged 31 in the last three.

Bettman said a deal had to be reached in time to start the season by January 16, so that a 50-game schedule and a full programme of play-offs could finish by July.

The 84-game NHL schedule was to have started on October 1, but was postponed until October 15 in the hope of progress towards a new collective bargaining agreement. The lockout was then extended. There is still no agreement in the baseball dispute. The owners cancelled the rest of the 1994 season in September, which meant that, for the first time, there was no World Series.

Wang leads defection from Ma's regimental training

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AN OFFICIAL newspaper in China reported yesterday that Wang Junxia, the country's top female distance runner, has vowed not to return to training under Ma Junren, her former coach, saying that he treated his athletes poorly.

Wang, who set world records at 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres in 1993, was among 16 athletes who walked out of Ma's training grounds in mid-December over differences over prize-money and discipline.

"If coach Ma had treated us better, we would have worked ourselves to death," Wang told *Beijing Youth News*. The paper paraphrased Wang as saying: "I'm not returning to the Ma Army [as Ma's team is called], but I won't abandon my training."

The newspaper said that Wang decided to leave because she felt that she had no future under Ma's coaching. Although a high school graduate, Wang said that she has always felt self-conscious about her lack of education. She said she wants to study English, but has had no opportunities.

Wang also said that she has been emotionally damaged by Ma's overly-strict discipline and she felt Ma sometimes picked on her unfairly.

"To be upbraided in the course of training is severe," Wang said, "but I feel very wronged for being criticised for little, everyday things."

The report said that when Wang told Ma that she was quitting, he tried to persuade her to stay on. He reminded her that, if she won a title at the 1995 world championships, she would be awarded a 500,000 yuan (about £38,000) car by the Chinese Government.

However, Wang said that the athletes were willing to give up the prestige and benefits of being in Ma's team because they simply did not want to train under him.

Romanian athletics authorities have lifted a ban on Galina Astafei, the 1992 Olympic high jump silver medal-winner, which barred her from official competitions. Iolanda Balas, a former high jumper herself who is now the president of the Romanian federation, said: "The Romanian Athletics Federation has abolished the ban against Galina Astafei and she will be able to perform for Germany."

In March last year, Romanian authorities banned Astafei, 25, for three years from all official competitions after she moved to the USC Mainz club in Germany and refused to compete for Romania.

Organisers punish Britain in sevens

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE decision not to give Britain a rating in the top eight for the rugby league world sevens tournament next month smacks of a calculated snub. The Australian organisers of the 15-nation event apparently believe that Fiji and Western Samoa have a better chance.

It is the British attitude to the international showpiece that has been punished. The fact is, however, that the timing of the annual tournament will always be an embarrassment to the domestic game, as it creaks under too much competition.

A clash with the opening Wales v England European championship match on February 1 will mean a diluted British entry. The ten-strong squad for the tournament in Sydney and Brisbane will be announced today.

Steps have been taken to avoid the strife of the past two years that caused the withdrawal of Wales from the sevens and the banning of Wigan for not guaranteeing a sufficiently strong side in 1993. Twelve months ago, Martin Offiah, Shaun Edwards and Paul Newlove withdrew from the Britain squad amid farcical scenes. The enforced resting of selected players has also angered clubs. On this occasion, they will be able to field those chosen for both the sevens and by England and Wales in the weekend matches before both events.

With players such as Kelvin Skerrett, of Wigan, declaring Welsh interest now that grandparentage counts as qualification, a problem is developing for Ellery Hanley, the England coach, ahead of the announcement of his squad next week for the international in Cardiff.

Skerrett would have figured in the England side. Now Wales will also take an interest in his fate when he appears before a league disciplinary committee. A one-match ban would put the prop forward out of Wigan's Regal Trophy semi-final with Castleford on Sunday. A similar suspension would eliminate Paul Hulme, of Widnes, against Warrington on Saturday.

☐ Roger Millward was dismissed as coach of Ryedale-York yesterday.

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CRICKET

South Africa v Pakistan

CAPE TOWN (Pakistan won the toss): South Africa beat Pakistan by 27 runs

South Africa

G Kirsten run out	45
D J Callaghan c Ijaz b Aqib	4
*W J Cronje c Asif b Aqib	21
D J Cullinan run out	64
J Rhodes c Asif b Aqib	21
M J R Rindel run out	31
†D J Richardson run out	4
E O Simons c Inzamam-ul-Haq b Wasim	5
P L Symcox c sub b Wasim	0
S D Jack b Aqib	0
P S de Villiers not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 5, w3)	12
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-54, 3-89, 4-121, 5-153, 6-192, 7-200, 8-207, 9-215

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 17-0-43-2; Aqib 10-1-51-5; Wagar 9.3-0-32-3; Asif 10-0-36-2; Saqlain 6-0-25-0

Pakistan

Saeed Anwar b Simons	5
Asif Sohail run out	11
Inzamam-ul-Haq b Simons	4
*Salim Malik run out	19
Ijaz Ahmed c Callaghan b Jack	13
Basit Ali c Simons b Cronje	9
†Rashid Latif run out	17
Wasim Akram c Jack b Simons	1
Akram Raza c Jack b Simons	12
Waqar Younis c de Villiers b Cronje	12
Aqib Javed not out	6
Extras (nb 5)	5
Total (overs 42.5)	119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-56, 3-101, 4-105, 5-111, 6-122, 7-123, 8-149, 9-159

BOWLING: de Villiers 8-3-23-0; Jack 6-0-45-1; Simons 8.5-0-42-4; Cronje 8.5-0-31-2; Symcox 10-0-30-0.

TRINIDAD: Tour match: Third day of three: Trinidad and Tobago 193 (Solanki 5-48) and 163 (Solanki 4-61); England Under-19 291 (A McGrath 169, D Sales 63); England Under-19 won by an innings and 33 runs.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Second division: Bournemouth 3 Hereford United 1; Swansea City 0, Cardiff City 0

Tuesday's late results

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Burnley v Charlton Athletic. Third division: Doncaster Rovers 3 Mansfield Town 2; Preston North End 2 Colchester United 1

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Quarter-finals: Northern section: Carlisle United 2 Wrexham 1. Postponed: Bury v Huddersfield Town; Wigan Athletic v Crewe Alexandra. Southern section: Birmingham City 3 Hereford United 1; Lincoln Orient 0 Bristol Rovers 0, Oxford United 1 Swansea City 2; Shrewsbury Town 3 Exeter City 1.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Farnborough 1 Dover Athletic 0

TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Postponed: Queen's Park v Greenock Morton

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Partick v Dundee United. First division: Airdrie 2 St Mirren 0; Clydebank 0 Hamilton 0. Postponed: St Johnstone v Dundee. Second division: Berwick 3 Queen Of the South 1; Stenhousemuir 2 Meadowbank 1. Third division: Postponed: Alloa v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Montrose

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 1 Knowsley 1. Postponed: Barrow v Droylsden. First division: Lancaster 3 Flixton 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Rothwell 3 Moor Green 6. Southern division: Erith and Belvedere 2 Ashford 2

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian 3 Hitchin 1. Second division: Barton 4 Banstead 0; Saffron Walden 2 Croydon 1. Third division: Harefield 2 Hertford 1

CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Cliftonville 2 Linfield 3

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 1 Luton 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 0 Liverpool 4; Sheffield Utd 2 Wolverhampton 1; Notts County 1 Derby 0

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Bristol City 0 Nottingham Forest 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Oldbury 0 Boldmere St M 1; Halesowen 2 Rocester 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bournemouth 6 Downton 1; BAT 4 Brockenhurst 2; Portsmouth RN 4 Lymington 0

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: FA XI 4 British Students 0

☐ Other matches postponed

RIYADH: Intercontinental Cup: Group A: Monaco 1 Denmark 1 (Denmark won 4-2 on pens); Group B: Nigeria 0 Argentina 0

GLIDING

OMARAMA, New Zealand: World championships: Third day (provisional). Open: 437km poly (14 completions of 15): 1, B Gantenbrink (Nimbus 4, Ger) 112.38kph, 1,000pts; 2, U Schwenk (ASW28, Ger) 111.91, 993; 3, R Schroeder (ASW28, Ger) 111.35, 992; 4, R Lynskey (Nimbus 4, NZ) 108.54, 937. Overall (provisional): 1 equal, Schroeder and Schwenk 2,941pts; 3, Lynskey 2,651; 4, Gantenbrink 2,623. 15m 367km in 126 completions of 311: 1, E Napoleon (Ventus 2, Fr) 104.93kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Nawas (Ventus 2, Fr) 103.7, 980; 3, T Gassner (Ventus 2, It) 102.5, 961; 4, J Wills (LS6, GB) 101.6, 947; 5, T Cubley (ASW20, Aus) 101.1, 939; 6, S Ghionzo (Ventus 2, It), 99.69, 916. Other British: 23, C Garton (LS6C) 84.02, 666; 30, A Kay (LS6CW) 27.6km, 33. Overall (provisional): 1, Ghionzo 2,770pts; 2, M Theisinger (LS6CW, Ger) 2,702; 3, J Wills 2,651; 4, T Delore (LS6A, NZ) 2,654; 5, Nawas 2,633; 6, Napoleon 2,620. Other British: 22, Garton 2,176; 29, Kay 1,272. Standard (provisional): 354km in 134 completions of 437: 1, K Striedieck (ASW24, US) 98.3kph, 1,000pts; 2, B Taylor (ASW24, Aus) 94.8, 945; 3, M Kurtzrein (Discus, Fin) 96.23, 920; 4, P Fischer (Discus, Ger) 91.98, 900; 5, T Rubes (SZD55, Pol) 91.3, 890 equal 6, M Wells (LS8, GB) 91.07 and R Schramme (Discus, Ger) 91.05, 886. Other British: 9, A (Discus) 89.68, 863; B Spreckley (LS8) 88.75, 850; 23, S Jones (Discus, BT) 80.79, 725. Overall (provisional): 1, M Wells 2,700pts; 2, Kurtzrein 2,673; 3, T Van Dyk (LS8, NZ) 2,656; 4, Schramme 2,640; 5, Fischer 2,611; 6, G Gerbaud (Discus, Fr) 2,595. Other British: 8, Davis 2,542; 13, Spreckley 2,433; 17, Jones 2,375

MOTOR SPORT

DAKAR RALLY: Leading positions (after ninth leg, 221.7 miles from Chinguetti to Tidjikja): Cars: 1, P Lartigue (Citroen, Fr) 39hr 58min 2sec; 2, B Saby (Mitsubishi, Fr) at 21.25; 3, K Shinozuka (Mitsubishi, Japan) 2:36.57; 4, J-P Fontenay (Mitsubishi, Fr) 2:54.29; 5, T Salonen (Citroen, Fin) 7:10.25. Motorcycles: 1, J Arcarons (Cagiva, Sp) 44hr 58min 8sec; 2, S Peterhansel (Yamaha, Fr) 10:03; 3, T Magnaldi (Yamaha, Fr) 10:29; 4, E Orioli (Cagiva, It) 36:40; 5, O Gallardo (Cagiva, Sp) 1:29:10; 6, F Moore (Honda, It) 3:25:13; 7, J Brucy (Honda, Fr) 4:43:39; 8, H Kinigadner (KTM, Austria) 5:10:05; 9, P Strawjd (KTM, Fr) 5:50:42; 10, J Mayor (KTM, Germany) 5:51:45.

NORDIC SKIING

PREDAZZO, Italy: Men: World Cup combined (90m ski jump and 10km cross-country): 1, K Ogawara (Japan) 140pts; 2, F B Lundberg (Nor) 125; 3, K T Apeland (Nor) 110; 4, T Kono (Japan) 95; 5, T Ogiwara (Japan) 85; 6, T Lodwick (US) 75. Leading World Cup standings: 1, Lundberg 515pts; 2, K Ogiwara 475; 3, Apeland 359

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Peel, Hunt under-21 doubles championship: Semi-final: H Foster and A Hodgson bt J Walsh and T Stewart-Liberty 18-15, 18-15, 19-10; M Hubbard and A Scammell bt C Walsh and E Stehn 15-8, 6-15, 15-2, 15-5. Final: Hubbard and Scammell beat Foster and Hodgson 15-5, 13-15, 5-15, 15-12, 15-7

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service 23 RAF 50.

CLUB MATCHES: Swansea 29 Tondu 3; Newbridge 34 Aberavon 5.

SNOOKER

BIRMINGHAM: Liverpool-Victoria Charity Challenge: First round: A McManus (Scot) b N Bond (Eng) 5-3

TABLE TENNIS

CREWE: Women's International match: Russia bt England 8-2. Singles: I Palina bt K Goodall 21-17, 21-14; T Shahova lost to A Gordon 16-21, 11-21; E Timina bt N Deaton 21-15, 21-6; G Malnik bt M Thornley 21-15, 21-15; Timina bt Goodall 21-15, 21-14; Malnik lost to Gordon 9-21, 21-15, 17-21; Palina bt Deaton 21-14, 21-10; Shahova bt Thornley 21-11, 21-11. Doubles: Palina and Timina bt Goodall and Deaton 21-14, 21-12; Malnik and Shahova bt Gordon and Thornley 21-12, 21-16.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: (Australia unless stated): Men: Second round: R Krajicek (Holl) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 7-6; M Tebbutt bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; M Woodforde bt K Novacek (Cze) 6-3, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; J Morgan (Aus) bt T Woodbridge 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; R Furlan (It) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; R Fromberg (Aus) bt A Knickstein (US) 6-3, 6-3; A Gaudenzi (It) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-0, 6-4. Women: First round: B Ritner (Ger) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) 7-5 6-1. Second round: M J Fernandez (US) bt S Stafford (US) 6-3, 6-2; M Oremans (Holl) bt A Frazier (US) 6-4, 6-3; Gabriela Sabatini (Arg) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; N Bradtke bt B Schultz (Holl) 6-0, 7-6; P Fendick (US) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-2, 6-3.

AUCKLAND: Men's tournament: First round: C Roud (Nor) bt M Washington (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; J Siemerink (Holl) bt W Ferreira (SA) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt J Stark (US) 7-6, 6-3. Second round: A Volkov (Russ) bt J Bates (GB) 6-2, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; C Adams (US) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-5, 7-6; C Pioline (Fr) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 6-2, 6-3.

HOBART: Women's tournament: Second round: L Meskhieva (Russ) wtr C Rubin (US) Wrist Strained scr; J Wieser (Austria) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 6-0, 6-2; L Meskhi (Geo) bt E Makarova (Russ) 6-1, 7-6; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt L Raymond (US) 6-2, 7-5; Fang Li (China) bt N Arendt (US) 6-3, 6-0; J Watanabe (US) bt K Nagasuka (Japan) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5; M Babel (Ger) bt K Boogert (Holl) 6-3, 7-5; Y Kamio (Japan) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 6-4, 7-5

POOLS DIVIDENDS

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VERNONS: Treble chance (no client with 23½pts, five dividends only, see Rule 10F): 23pts £55,763.80 (increased as per rule 10I), 22½pts £259.75.22, 22pts £45.30, 21½pts £8.35, 21pts £2.10. Ten homes (nothing barred): £270.25. Five aways (nothing barred): £114.35.

ZETTERS: Treble chance (no 23½pts winners): 23pts £4,224.85, 22½pts £54.80, 22pts £10, 21½pts £1.75, 21pts 45p. Four draws: £5.20. Four super-homes: £273.00. Four aways: £36.00. Lucky numbers: 27, 31, 28, 9, 10, 11

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			(Metre of fresh snow)				
Kitzbühel	80	130	powder	powder	snow	-2	11/1
			(Avalanche danger; 70cm of fresh snow and still snowing)				
Mayrhofen	40	100	powder	powder	closed	cloud 1	11/1
			(Good skiing in fresh powder; avalanche danger)				
Schladming	60	100	powder	powder	good	snow -3	11/1
			(Excellent powder skiing; 40cm of fresh snow)				
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	105	190	powder	heavy powder	snow	-5	11/1
			(Tricky conditions with deep snow everywhere)				
Chamonix	60	350	powder	powder	good	snow 3	11/1
			(Heavy snowfalls; avalanche danger; four lifts open)				
La Plagne	125	260	powder	powder	good	snow -4	11/1
			(Skiing severely restricted by heavy snowfalls)				
Megève	80	160	powder	powder	good	snow -2	11/1
			(Excellent skiing in poor visibility)				
Val Thorens	90	195	powder	powder	good	snow -1	11/1
			(Blizzard raging; only two lifts open; access road blocked)				
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	115	120	powder	powder	powder	snow -5	11/1
			(Skiing limited by heavy snowfalls; avalanche danger)				
C Montana	150	220	powder	powder	powder	snow -2	11/1
			(Excellent powder skiing; almost too much snow)				
Mürren	150	160	powder	powder	good	snow -7	11/1
			(Very deep powder snow on pistes; high avalanche risk)				
Villars	80	150	powder	powder	good	snow -2	11/1
			(Good skiing but mixed visibility; more snow forecast)				
Wengen	50	100	powder	powder	good	snow -1	11/1
			(Heavy snowfalls; avalanche danger; more snow forecast)				

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Young forward strikes it rich

The £7m deal that left Cole with money to burn



Andrew Longmore on the perks and percentages that add up to an instant football millionaire

Andy Cole, at 23, has already signed the lease on a fortune. If he stays for the full 5½-year term of his contract at Old Trafford and invests his money wisely, he should not have to work for a living again. Yet it is not just Cole who will benefit from his £7 million transfer from Newcastle United to Manchester United, the most expensive in British football history.

Besides Cole himself, whose weekly salary would be measured by the yardsticks of Chris Sutton's reputed £12,000 a week at Blackburn Rovers and Jürgen Klinsmann's £19,000 at Tottenham Hotspur, the deal is financially good for Newcastle, who have profited by more than £4 million — and gained a player, Keith Gillespie — for their original £1.75 million investment in Cole just under two years ago, and for Paul Stretford, Cole's agent, who stands to take between ten and 20 per cent of the signing-on fee for negotiating the terms, although the deal was generated by the two managers, Alex Ferguson and Kevin Keegan. Even the City nodded its tacit approval, United's shares remaining steady at 129p.

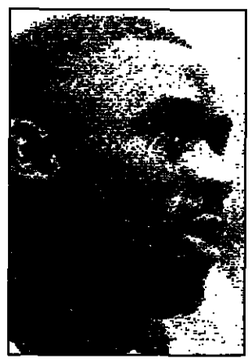
Provided Keegan now goes into the domestic transfer market, football's economy will be well-oiled by the cash from the Cole deal, which will gradually filter into the nooks and crannies of the game, while the players' pension scheme, organised by the Professional Footballers' Association, will receive £300,000 as a result of its five per cent levy on all transfers.

Manchester United's moneymen can console themselves for their diminished credit account by concentrating on the tax efficiency of the transfer and the fact that they can reclaim the value-added tax. Unlike money in the bank, which would have been subject to 33 per cent corporation tax on the profits, goals are tax free.

Everyone happy, then? Not quite. The Inland Revenue — and Bristol City — are the main losers, the Revenue because transfers are regarded as normal trading and not subject to capital transfer tax on the increased value, Bristol City because, although they had to pay Arsenal, Cole's first club, 33 per cent of the £1.25 million difference in purchase and sale price, they failed to attach the same stipulation to the deal with Newcastle. By not doing so, they forfeited a possible £1 million slice of the onward transfer.

Most big transfers are paid in instalments, with clubs having to put up a minimum of 50 per cent in cash and to settle the difference within a year. The initial £3 million from the Cole deal will be sent in the next few days by telegraphic bank transfer from Manchester United's bank to Newcastle's, via the FA Premier League, which ensures that all transfers are properly registered and paid. Cole will not be a United player until the money is in safe hands — no need for the old "cheque is in the post" excuse.

Cole himself will benefit immediately from the first instalment of his estimated



'Now Cole has to deal in the most valuable currency of all . . . goals'

£500,000 signing-on fee, spread, by regulation, over the full term of his contract. In addition, he should be paid any outstanding sum on his loyalty bonus at Newcastle because he did not ask for a transfer, and will have negotiated a new loyalty bonus, usually payable at the end of each year, with his new club.

In addition to his basic salary, bonuses for the number of goals he scores, for helping the club to get back into European competition and for winning games and trophies, will boost his annual earnings close to £1 million a year. He would also want a slice of the £14 million merchandising profits generated by Manchester United's retail and mail order sales by taking between ten and 20 per cent of every shirt and item sold with his name or face emblazoned on it, unless there is an agreement with the players that all proceeds go into a pool.

A car, payment for all hotel expenses until he has found accommodation and a personal insurance scheme, above the compulsory club policy, would be further accepted perks of the job. Roy Keane, United's previous record signing, was guaranteed a £40,000 boot contract. Cole might expect the same. It is safe to assume that the space for "additional clauses" left in the standard two-page players' contract will not be enough to cope with Cole's demands, although the breathtaking speed with which the deal was completed suggested either that the basis of the agreement had been worked out in advance, or that Cole's desire to play for the FA Carling Premiership champions overrode any instinct to haggle.

Manchester United are not the best paymasters in the world — they offer success instead, which is priceless — but the fact that the club announced the deal before negotiations over personal terms had been completed would have given Cole's agent an extra card to play in the bargaining process: unless, that is, Manchester United wanted to suffer the same embarrassment as Newcastle, who had to cancel a press conference last year when Paul Kitson, initially, refused to sign personal terms.

Sometimes, even in multi-million pound deals, the player is the last person to know what is being negotiated on his behalf. The danger, although presumably not in Cole's case, is that he can feel pressured into accepting unfavourable terms by the selling club and the agent, who both have a stake in ensuring the deal goes through as swiftly as possible.

"Very few players have the guts to say no to a deal, which he has the right to do if he has not asked for a transfer," Cliff Bloxham, of agents Advantage International, said. "Yet it's possible that if a player waits for a week instead of rushing into it, he could make another million." For Cole, the dealing has been the easy part. Now he has to show his worth in the most valuable football currency of all. Goals.



Gillespie strides forward in the exciting style that has so impressed Keegan, Newcastle United's manager

Gifted Gillespie runs the gauntlet

Peter Ball looks at the slim winger aiming to convince Newcastle supporters he is not just a makeweight in the transfer of Andy Cole

The biggest transfer this country has seen has put Andy Cole and Kevin Keegan under the spotlight. Cole will be under pressure to justify his record fee; Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, knows he has to live with his controversial decision to sell the idol of Tyneside, which could provoke bitter criticism.

However, perhaps the greatest pressure will be on a slim, dark teenager who will be introduced to the Newcastle public as the player Keegan was prepared to lose Andy Cole to get. "Everyone will talk about Andy Cole, but Keith Gillespie is a big part of this deal," Keegan said when news broke that he had sold Cole to Manchester United.

"If I couldn't have got Gillespie, the deal would not have happened. He is the most exciting player I have seen since I came back into the game."

That is a lot to live up to. Such praise is generous for a player who has appeared in only 13 first-team games and who could not command a regular place in the Manchester United team, but there is little doubt of his ability or of his temperament, as his reaction to Keegan's comments yesterday suggested.

"It's nice to hear that," Gillespie said, "but I've got to prove that he's right." Gillespie, from Bangor, was the latest in a long line of Old Trafford's youth products from Northern Ireland, training at the United School of Excellence in Belfast for three years before joining the club at 16. He made an instant impression as an outstanding member of a fine youth team alongside Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes, Gary Neville and David Beckham. The decision to leave that group was a difficult one. "The hardest decision I've ever had to make, but I always felt I was only filling in when United had injuries," Gillespie said.

Ferguson was reluctant to let him go. There seems little doubt that the deciding factor was the fact that he is not English. "He's Irish. I've got Kanchelskis, young Cooke and I've got Beckham, who can all play right-side, and Kevin [Keegan] wanted him to make the deal viable," the United manager said, "but he is a smashing young player.

Ferguson continued: "He's very fast, he is a determined young player, he has two good feet, although his right foot is his natural foot. He's an instinctive player, he has a very good chance. I think in two or three years' time he will be a very, very good player."

Let us hope the Geordies are prepared to wait that long, though Gillespie might not need it. He has made enormous strides this season, gaining his first cap for Northern Ireland against Portugal in September. It was a sign of his level-headed approach that, while onlookers thought he had a satisfactory debut against a better team, he reported back to Old Trafford dissatisfied with his performance.

A month later, when he went with Northern Ireland to Austria, he had taken his first steps on the first-team stage at Old Trafford, but it was in Vienna that he first made his mark in a wider arena, scoring a stunning goal two minutes into the game with a fierce cross-shot.

Any danger of him getting carried away was quickly dispelled. Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, told him he thought he had intended it as a cross: when he got back to Manchester, Ferguson threatened to fine him because he had not scored such a goal for United. Gillespie responded with a similar effort against Newcastle.

"That goal against Austria was probably the best goal I'll ever score," he reflected, "but the goal against Newcastle showed it wasn't just a shot in the dark."

It convinced Keegan: Gillespie now has to convince the Newcastle supporters. His ability to do so is not in doubt.

Parrott's rousing effort sees him in to next round

By Phil Yates

JOHN PARROTT willed himself to a 5-2 victory over Peter Ebdon in the first round of the Liverpool-Victoria Charity Challenge at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham yesterday, despite playing while still suffering jet lag.

Parrott was "absolutely shattered" after arriving back in England on Tuesday after a 12-hour flight from Johannesburg. Nonetheless, he displayed great determination as he earned at least £12,500 for Barnados, his designated charity.

"I was so tired I couldn't see the balls properly. I had to guess what contact was needed on certain safety shots. The big factor today was that I tried really hard," Parrott, who will meet Alan McManus in the quarter-finals tomorrow, said.

Ebdon could not have wished for a better start, however. From Parrott's break-off in the opening frame, Ebdon compiled a 133 total clearance. Parrott won the next on a re-spotted black but when Ebdon made a 63 break for 2-1 he looked much the stronger.

Parrott managed to win a scrappy fourth frame on the blue and runs of 79, 47 and 39 enabled the 1991 world champion to draw away.

The result was further proof that Parrott, winner of the Malta Grand Prix and runner-up in the European Open last month, has solved his early-season on-table problems.

McManus, whose form has been a cause for concern since his capture of the Dubai Classic in October, maintained an unblemished record against Nigel Bond with a fine 5-3 win.

The Scot, world ranked No 6, fell 2-1 behind before snatching the fourth frame with a brown-to-black clearance. The score had reached 3-3 when Bond squandered a golden opportunity in the seventh frame on the verge of regaining the lead.

Having made a 27 break and with the reds wide open, Bond ran out of position and a few shots later, McManus fired in a long red to launch a 100 clearance. He finished with breaks of 48 and 46. "I've been working really hard on my game recently, because the next three months are so important, and I feel very relaxed," McManus said.

Robin Hull, trying to become the first Finnish player to appear in the final stages of the Embassy world championship, moved into a 7-2 lead over Darren Hackeson, of Kingswinford, in the fifth qualifying round at Blackpool.



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To book your 20p offer tickets, collect the six tokens which are appearing each day from yesterday until Monday January 16. When you have the tokens, select your show and telephone the number given. The application form will appear again on Monday.

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A list of more than 130 productions available in regional theatres will be printed on Saturday

South-West hold the Australians

AN INJURY-time penalty goal kicked by Chris Newton allowed the Australian Schoolboys rugby union side to preserve its unbeaten tour record with a 6-6 draw against South-West Schools at Bridgwater last night (David Hands writes). The unfancied South-West showed great spirit to force the second draw of the tour — the Australians having drawn their opening game against Munster.

England has been unkind to the Australians since they slipped away from Murrayfield with a breathless one-point win over Scottish Schools on the last day of the old year. Frosted off in the Midlands, they beat London in a deluge last weekend and will look for better in France before their return to the West Country to play England at Gloucester on January 25.

Newton, the full back, at the second attempt, gave the visitors a hard-earned lead with a penalty. However, the temporary loss of Perry, their stand-off half, did not disturb local equilibrium and a flurry of activity either side of half-time nearly earned them a try.

Ewens's break gave Claire a punishing run then Ewens himself was inches away from an interception try. Cook levelled the score with a penalty and was stopped only a metre short off the line after fine approach work by Alexopoulos and a restored Perry.

Cook's second penalty gave the South-West a narrow lead that ought to have been overtaken but for the Australian failure to score a try in the dying seconds. As it was, the last act, courtesy of Newton, earned them the draw.

SCORERS: South-West Schools: Penalty goals: Cook (2). Australian Schools: Penalty goals: Newton (2)

SPORTS LETTERS

Rugby league issues double challenge to Twickenham

From the President of the Rugby Football League

Sir, How timely was your leading article on the oval-ball games ("Try, try, try again," January 5). When barriers are crashing all over the world, it is appropriate, as we approach the centenary year of the Rugby Football League, to bury the hatchet (and not into one another) that has divided rugby league from its cousins at Twickenham.

Frankly, much of the hositility to which you refer has departed and it is tragic (if not comical) that ancient feuds are permitted to cause a rift. Both games have appeal and, side by side, make interesting comparisons. A recent BBC *Grandstand* presentation had the Barbarians playing South Africa followed by a Regal Trophy rugby league match. Five million people watched the latter game.

Let me adopt, on behalf of the Rugby League, your excellent proposals to stage a match at Twickenham under union rules and a match at one of our big league clubs under the 13-a-side legislation. The profits for your suggested charity would be as enormous as the public interest in such games. Just as important would be that the hand of friendship would be extended and the glory of sport enhanced. Oh to see our "heavy cavalry" confronting the elongated "fusiliers" of rugby union.

We could guarantee that though our game was founded from the need to give broken-time payments for working men to enable them to play sport on a Saturday, our players would compete with their cousins on similar terms — no pay, but plenty of sport.

Let's get on with it. I have written to my opposite number at HQ.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD TEEMAN,
President,
Rugby Football League,
Aire House, Swinegate, Leeds 1.

From Mr J. B. Griffin

Sir, Dare we hope that, on reading your leading article, the Rugby Football Union will cease to penalise its players for participating in the other code? Indications have not been good. Steve Pilgrim, of Wasps, was suspended for having trials with Leeds and Adrian Spencer, of Cambridge University, for playing — as an amateur — with London Crusaders.

Both these young men could have played openly, and for money, in soccer, cricket or even in rugby's near-cousin, American football; but to be associated in any way with the professional side of rugby league makes them pariahs, to be cleansed by a year or so's suspension (even to play amateur rugby league invoked similar penalties until the 1980s.) Apartheid in race, religion, politcs and sport has almost disappeared in this and in most civilised countries. Discrimination is illegal on grounds or race, colour, sex, religion, disability, etc.

Rugby union has copied the "loop" from league, as described in your leading article. It has copied much more (though it will never admit to doing so): use of substitutes; squad training; limited kicking directly into touch; numbering of jerseys; red and yellow cards.

The very principle on which the Northern Union (later Rugby League) was founded — broken time — has long since been conceded. In these enlightened days, when other major sports are completely open, it is incongruous that rugby union still practises, and gets away with, its own form of apartheid, just because it has so far refused to forgive something which happened a hundred years ago.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. GRIFFIN,
9 Oakwood Drive,
Leigh,
Lancashire.

Left high and dry on 97

From Mr N. H. White

Sir, I remember watching a North Staffordshire league cricket match in 1945 when my father was 97 not out with three balls of the game left. For obvious reasons, he had gone at least six years without a century, so it was not an everyday event.

A wicket fell at the other end and the unspoken play, guessed by everyone, was for the incoming batsman to be given an easy single, whereupon my father would knock the last ball out of the ground. What, in fact, happened was that the newcomer did not know it was the last over, hit the easy ball for six and blocked the last one.

When they got back to the pavilion, I saw my father put his arm round his distraught partner's shoulder and tell him he would gladly settle for 97 not out every Saturday.

Is there a lesson for Graeme Hick — and perhaps even some commentators?

Yours faithfully,
N. H. WHITE,
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Alfred Gelder Street,
Kingston upon Hull.

Matter of course

From Mr Piers Pottinger

Sir, I much enjoyed John Hopkins's witty reporting on the President's Putter at Rye (January 5 to 9). It reminds me that the formidable course was also the real winner when Savile Club golfers played their annual match there last June. A 60mph wind forced us to abandon the Stableford points procedure and instead declare as winner the person who had lost the greatest number of balls. Discretion prevents me from revealing the winning number.

Yours faithfully,
PIERS POTTINGER,
The Old Rectory,
Wixoe, Sudbury, Suffolk.

From Mr John Dege

Sir, To some of us, 73-year-old Peter Gracey playing in the President's Putter for the 46th time (January 6) is still quite a youngster. I recently played in a four-ball with three fellow members of Addington Golf Club and discovered that our combined handicaps totalled 50, our combined ages 309 (75, 76, 77, 81). The better-ball of the four of us, incidentally, was a respectable 78 gross.

I expect there are four oldies from quite a few other clubs who can improve on our handicap total, or our age total, but how many can beat both?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN DEGE,
44 Audley Drive,
Warlingham, Surrey.

Sick as a metaphor

From Mr C. N. Langley

Sir, I was over the moon when I read your quote from Kevin Keegan (January 9): "The doom and gloom merchants have had a field day recently, but we haven't thrown the towel in, there's no white flag in sight".

I thought I had come across the greatest possible compaction of metaphors. But have I shot myself in the foot? Is it possible to get even more eggs in one basket?

Yours sincerely,
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Departure of fast bowler inflicts heavy toll on touring team's morale

Gough's ills add weight to England burden

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN SYDNEY

DARREN GOUGH, England's up-and-coming young all-rounder, flew home from here yesterday with instructions to put no weight on his left foot (the stress-fractured one) for four weeks. If all goes well, he will be allowed to take some light exercise in mid-February and to start training in mid-March. The rest of England's tour of Australia will be less fun and more gruelling without him.

His place will be filled by Chris Lewis, who was in the England dressing-room at Melbourne on Tuesday when Gough broke down and was soon in action as a substitute, his brilliant fielding being his strongest suit.

The decision not to send for anyone else for the moment was taken in consultation with Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of the England selectors, who is here for the one-day match today against Australia A and will be returning to England at the weekend. Lewis brings to 21 the number of players who have been official members of the England party. Neil Fairbrother, another casualty from the match on Tuesday, has a painfully sore right shoulder, which came out briefly when he fell in the field. He will miss the game today. Himself a replacement, it will no doubt be a record of its kind (except, perhaps, for Pakistan) should a replacement have to be sent for to replace a replacement.

It is hard to think that when it comes to injuries, there has ever been an unluckier England side — but one can never be sure. When, for example, was this written, and by whom? "Thus was added another to the long list of injuries sustained by the touring team in circumstance which went far towards my contention that modern players are soft. They do most of their training on the massage table, which produces unnaturally vulnerable muscles and renders them liable to strain and troubles that were unknown to our fathers. The players, so much in cars and on that accursed massage table, lack the strong legs without which no games player can survive."

Well, the tour was MCC's to Australia in 1958-59, the author that prince of polemicists and noted critic, E. M. Wellings of the London *Evening News*. The stress-fracture was probably called something else in those days, but the players were scarcely less prone to injury. When, on the same tour, Mortimore, of Gloucestershire, was summoned as yet another replacement, a cartoonist had the old club member cupping his hand to his ear and asking "Was that 40 more?"

Even then, Wellings was complaining that "the fight for the Ashes is likely to be nothing to the fight for the seats in the press-boxes of Australia, which are becoming Battersea Homes for stray cricketers". Goodness knows what he would think now. Of the 25 retired England cricketers that I spotted during the Sydney Test match, ten had captained England at some time and a good half were masquerading as pundits. It makes Michael Atherton's job no easier to find one of them round every corner.

Although, until Tuesday, Gough had kept as fit as anyone on this tour — only Tufnell has bowled more overs (355 to Gough's 286) — he has to put so much into his game to get out of it what he does that the strains and stresses are considerable. Despite a good, orthodox action, he was born without the natural rhythm of a Trueman or a Lindwall or a Holding. He has as big a heart as any of them, but they were never seen to stiffen up after a spell of bowling in the way that Gough is.

In no way is this intended as a criticism of Gough. He is a rare and splendid acquisition and it is to be hoped he is soon back in action, his frame able to stand up to what he asks of it. He can take heart from the experiences of Dennis Lillee and Imran Khan, who both suffered stress-fractures and came back from them. Lillee, in fact, took 304 of his 355 Test wickets after recovering from a stress-fracture in his back. The treatment involves patience, dedication and a lot of weight-watching. Mrs Gough will need to be as vigilant as her husband.

Matthew Dimond, of Somerset, and David Thompson, of Surrey, reinforce the England Under-19 bowling attack for the first four-day international match against the West Indies in Port of Spain, Trinidad, that starts today. The pair missed the team's innings and 33 run victory over Trinidad.



PHOTOGRAPHS: MARK BAKER



England's walking wounded, Fairbrother, his arm in a sling, and Gough, on crutches, in Sydney yesterday

Down but far from out

On the Ropes. *Radio 4, 9.30am.*

An entertainer can safely be said to have "arrived" when he boasts that he and Harold Wilson helped to make each other famous. Mike Yarwood repeats that claim to John Humphrys this morning. He may be the fallen idol of mimicry, but it is good news that he believes there is no good reason why he should not eventually climb back on to his pedestal. Drink, and stage fright, were Yarwood's undoing. A broken marriage did not help matters, either. Humphrys does not dig deeply to establish which, in Yarwood's sad case, was cause and which was effect. I found it touching to hear Yarwood say to his sympathetic interviewer at the end of the programme: "Thank you very much for talking to me."

Captain Colenso's Last Voyage. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

I could hear distant echoes of Dylan Thomas in Alun Richards's play which, not surprisingly, comes from BBC Wales. Colenso (Gerald James), the octogenarian seadog who landlocks himself into his bedroom with all his memories, is a sighted, distant relation to Llaregyb's Captain Cat, right down to the errant teardrop. There is no fear that this stranded grampus will go gentle into that good night. Richards is writing here about old age. He could easily have sentimentalised it, but does not. Neither does James's captain, whose last stand is gloriously realised. And neither does Kenneth Griffith as the captain's roguish pal.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright, with the Posse 9.00 Simon Mayo: Kurt Russell is God of the Week 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq, including the 30-Minute Menu 9.00 Soundbite: Danny Kelly asks who buys Michael Bolton records 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart, incl the Accumulator Quiz 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 For Better or for Worse: starring Su Pollard and Gorden Kaye 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones presents vintage rhythm and blues, featuring Gatemouth Brown 10.00 From Taunton to Tennessee and Back: An Edwardian in the Appalachians 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl at 9.40 Film Review; 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Questions 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Women on Top, with Frances Edmonds 8.35 I Remember You: the careers of jockey Brian Fletcher and boxer Eddie Thomas 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News-Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves with Steve Sampson 2.05 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 News 5.09 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: *Oscar and Lucinda* 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Faith 8.15 Books 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 From Our Correspondent 9.30 Farming World 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Quote, Unquote 11.00 News 11.15 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Faith 12.15 Multitrack 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Learning 3.00 News 3.15 Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 News 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 On the Move 7.45 Farming 8.00 News 8.10 Faith 8.15 Today 8.30 Europe 9.00 News 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Network 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 Quote, Unquote 12.00 News 12.15am Music 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Global Concerns 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Woman in Black 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Faith 4.00 News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Weber, (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide: *Italian cooking* 8.00 Evening Concert: Bach (Concerto in D for three violins; BWV1064); Vivaldi (Trio in A minor); Telemann (Suite in C); Handel (Dixit Dominus) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am J.L. Grace

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air: Purcell (Fantasia a 3, Z733); Elgar (Serenade for strings); 7.32 Haydn (String Quartet in C, Prussian) 8.05 Smetana (Overture, the Bartered Bride); Handel (Pena tiranna, Amadigi); Ibert-Debussy (Nocturnes) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Hindemith. String Trio No 2 (Szymon Goldberg, violin, the composer, viola, Emanuel Feuermann, cello): Theme with four variations, The Four Temperaments 10.00 Musical Encounters: Vaughan Williams (Sir John in Love, excerpt); Beethoven (Variations on Bei Männern welche Liebe fühlen); 10.19 Artist of the Week: Esa-Pekka Salonen, conductor: Sibelius (Lemminkainen's Return); John Gay (Since laws were made, Beggar's Opera); Liszt (Consolations Nos 3 and 4); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat); 11.20 Busoni (Turandot's Boudoir, Frauengemach-Greensleeves); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in A, Op 69); 11.58 Holst (St Paul's Suite) 12.00 Ensemble (r) 1.00pm Opera Matinée: Cherubini's opera Lodoïska, from a text by Claude-François Fillette-Loraux. Sung in French 3.20 Viola Rarities: Roger Chase, viola, and Ian Brown, piano, play Joachim (Variations, Op 10); Paganini (Sonata in C minor); Jongen (Introduction and Dance, Op 102) 4.10 German Symphony Orchestra, Berlin under Emmanuel Krivine, plays Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor) 5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson enlists the help of Sian Edwards, musical director of English National Opera, in establishing which was the first opera 5.15 In Tune, including at 6.15 Beethoven (Symphony No 2 in D); 7.03 Schubert (Liebesbotschaft) 7.30 Fairest Isle: The English Orpheus. Music by Purcell, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Oh, the sweet delights of love; Draw near, you lovers; If music be the food of love; Trio Sonata in G minor; My dearest, my fairest; Music for a while; Oh fair Cedaria; O dive custos, Elegy on the death of Queen Mary); 8.20 Plague and Fire: The impact of the Great Plague of 1665 on Purcell's contemporaries; 8.40 Purcell (Love, thou art best; One charming night; The Plaint; Celemene, pray tell me; Sonata in G minor, Chaconne; Incassum, Lesbia; Fairest Isle) 9.35 Fairest Isle: A Splendid Science Called Musick. Of Ecclesiastical Musick 9.50 English Chamber Orchestra: Dvořák (Legends, Op 59) 10.15 Hot Keys (r) 10.45 Night Waves: Peggy Reynolds talks to Timberlake Wertenbaker 11.30-12.30am Voices: Song cycles from the United States in the 20th century, introduced by Iain Burnside

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including half-hourly News, 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.48 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r) 9.30 On the Ropes: See Choice 10.00 News; In the Red (FM only), by Mark Tavener. The story revolves around a series of bizarre London murders. All the victims are bank managers. Hot on the trail of the murderer are an old-style Chief Inspector and BBC Radio crime correspondent George Cragge. With Michael Williams and Stephen Moore 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Bunyan (4/25) 10.30 Woman's Hour introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News; Yoo and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi 12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng MP chairs the historical discussion programme with guests Christopher Frayling, Jimmy Perry, Nick Revell and Norman Stone 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Captain Colenso's Last Voyage: See Choice 3.00 News; Anderson Country 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: A new biography of Edward Lear and a review of the musical *Ain't Misbehavin*. The studio guest is the conductor Jeremy Sams 4.45 Short Story: Bathers, by Robert Graham 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Airport: Sketches by performers on the black comedy circuit — Felix Dexter, Llewella Gideon, Roger Griffiths, Jo Martin, Josephine Melville and Eddie Nestor 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Forgotten Cowboy: Gavin Ester heads West to find out how Hollywood has whitewashed history (r) 8.00 The City: Levers of Power. Will Hutton asks if we have paid too high a price for the City's success as one of the world's great financial centres 8.45 Bloopers: Jonathan Hewat presents the second programme of classic radio fluffs and catastrophes 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Phantom of the Opera. Jack Klaff reads Gaston Leroux's novel (9/10) 11.00 Stephen King's Salem's Lot: A dramatisation of the classic vampire story (1/7) 11.30 Ad Lib (FM only): Probation officers from Norfolk reveal their strategies to Robert Robinson (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Patel tames spin to earn draw

MIN PATEL and Richard Johnson survived a trial by spin in Madras yesterday to earn England A a draw against a Board President's XI. Alan Wells's team, set 291 in five hours, held on at 168 for nine with the last pair, Patel and Mark Ilott, seeing out the final 22 balls.

Earlier, Patel and Johnson had batted with character through 44 minutes in a match-saving ninth-wicket stand of 30. Johnson faced 55 balls, scoring just one single and concentrating solely on forward defensive and liberal use of the front pad against the significant bounce and turn extracted from a wearing pitch by the Indian side's three front-line spinners.

Patel, however, seized on anything remotely off line or length to hit five boundaries in his 25 not out. He faced 54 balls as the President's XI sent down 20 overs in a gripping last hour, which began with England A at 138 for seven.

On a day of attritional cricket, England's spirit kept them afloat — although there were several contentious umpiring decisions. Ian Salisbury, given out in the second over of the last hour, appeared nowhere near a ball that looped up to leg slip off his thigh pad — but he had to go, complaining for the second time in the match at the injustice.

England A slumped initially to 15 for two. Abey Kuruvilla, the fast bowler, removing Nick Knight and Jason Gallian before lunch with the new ball after the President's team had declared its second innings at 204 for four.

Michael Vaughan fell in the early afternoon and the A team's fightback from 48 for three was marshalled by Wells. David Hemp (31) and Dominic Cork (24) took turns to support Wells, while the Sussex captain battled through 169 minutes and 130 balls for his 43. In the end, however, it took the nerve of Patel and Johnson to ensure England A did not go to Bangalore, for the first five-day international against India A, on the back of a morale-sapping defeat.

Wells said: "We almost lost, but they had a massive advantage because they won the toss and could bat first."

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings 323 for 9 dec (V Rathore 69, S C Ganguly 69, R Dravid 84, S Ruwan 79)

Second Innings

*V Rathore c Wells b Salisbury	42
A Mehra b Patel	18
S C Ganguly c Hemp b Cork	65
R Dravid c Wells b Patel	49
S Bahutule not out	16
R Shamshad not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 1)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-93, 3-169, 4-193.

BOWLING: Cork 20-3-59-1, Johnson 8-2-17-0; Patel 23-8-57-2; Salisbury 7-0-57-1

ENGLAND A: First Innings: 247 (J E R Gallian 79, K Singh 4 for 56)

Second Innings

N V Knight lbw b Kuruvilla	4
M P Vaughan lbw b Singh	17
*J E R Gallian c Vaidya b Kuruvilla	2
A P Wells c Mehra b Chatterjee	43
D L Hemp lbw b Singh	31
D G Cork c Ruwan b Bahutule	24
†K J Piper c Ruwan b Bahutule	4
I D K Salisbury c Rathore b Singh	10
R L Johnson c Mehra b Singh	1
M M Patel not out	25
M C Ilott not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 1)	7
Total (9 wkts)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 3-48, 4-68, 5-124, 6-124, 7-138, 8-138, 9-168.

BOWLING: Ankola 4-1-12-0; Kuruvilla 7-2-15-2; Chatterjee 22-11-38-1, Bahutule 23-13-30-2; Singh 22-7-67-4

Umpires: S Choudhry and N Menon

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Insole warns of dangers of too much Test cricket



Alan Lee discovers that the many demands of the modern game are likely to lead to shorter careers

The man responsible for structuring the workload of England's cricketers has warned that their playing lives will be dramatically shortened unless all nations recognise the folly of the ever-expanding international programme.

Doug Insole, the chairman of the tours committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for the past eight years, is as concerned over the future of Darren Gough, for instance, as is his Australian counterpart over Shane Warne. In a week when Michael Atherton, the England captain, has said his players were run down by back-to-back Test matches over the holiday period, Insole takes a broader view.

"There is too much cricket being scheduled around the world now that there are nine Test countries," Insole said. "Too much is being asked of the players. We have a fellow like Gough, with so much pizazz, and there is a danger that he will be over-committed.

"Everyone knows there is too much cricket — we talk about it all the time — but whenever I suggest we should do something constructive about it, there are people ready to find a way of overcoming the objection.

"I'm very conscious of the risk of wearing out our players. Modern demands are such that their time in the game will inevitably be shorter than the players of old, but the other side of the coin is that all the players are anxious to make their time count.

"Years ago, we used to have two winters of touring followed by one off. Senior players also used to opt for a winter's break and nobody held it against them. Nowadays, if we did try to give our players a winter off, they would fix themselves up elsewhere and play anyway, so it is up to us to look after them and restrict the demands of their cricket."

Insole is in Australia watching the Ashes series and, although his visit is a private one, he is using it for a variety of discussions over future tours. His committee, which includes Sir Colin Cowdrey, Bob Bennett and Charles Palmer in addition to the sitting chairmen of the TCCB and of the cricket and finance committees, has frequently been criticised. Sometimes the players themselves have agitated over itineraries that are against the interest of the England side and he is also under increasing pressure from overseas.

Pakistan, where England have not toured since 1987, have issued several invitations, but, so far, received no definite acceptance and Zimbabwe are growing restive over the lack of response from England to their elevation to Test-playing status.

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The subject of trips to Pakistan has been sensitive ever since the turmoil of England's last tour. There had been strong suggestions that a three-Test visit would be scheduled for late in 1996, prior to a tour of New Zealand, but Insole says this is now unlikely to take place.



Insole: discussions over future tours

"We try to avoid back-to-back situations, in which we visit a country directly after they have been to us. It can be unhelpful and it happened last time we went to Pakistan. As they are touring England in 1996, we will probably find a different slot for visiting them. But we are talking and we will go."

"The demands on us are enormous from both Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka and there are two points of view: the first is that they are members of the Test-playing fraternity and should be given a chance; the second is that they may not be a commercial viability and that people would not come to watch. Their argument is that they will not get any better if countries like ours do not give them a shot and there is something in that. Our role has traditionally been a missionary one and I don't feel we should entirely drop that. We will certainly offer Zimbabwe some Test cricket before the year 2000, at first on the same basis we have played Sri Lanka, a single Test at the end of our summer."

Insole is gratified that his visit has demonstrated the resurgence of Test cricket in Australia. Crowds have been above budget everywhere, the Boxing Day attendance in Melbourne was the highest for nine years and Sydney drew its biggest fifth-day crowd since 1963. England's stance on the pre-eminence of Test cricket over its one-day neighbour has sometimes been a lonely one, but the signs are that other countries, their administrations and their public, are being won over.

The quicker this development takes root and the more tours revert to a pattern of first-class matches and Tests, with maybe a clutch of one-day games at the end, the better the prospects of Darren Gough still being around at the turn of the century.

Hopping around with a bramble bush

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Sir David Attenborough likes to be taken seriously as a scientist. Those famous hushed tones, the fact that he knows how to pronounce orang-utan properly, his extensive wardrobe of wash 'n' wear safari kit... they all say, this is a serious scientist. Inevitably, the reflex response of that sadly unsophisticated species *Televisioni criticus* is to say, "Oh no you're not". Hence the sorry list of crimes that Attenborough has been accused of in the run-up to his latest opus, **The Private Life of Plants** (BBC 1).

He is charged (sharp intake of breath) with being a populariser, which if proven certainly makes him a rare beast on BBC1. He is prone to anthropomorphism (all right, one critic used it, now, having looked it up, we're all at it). And, worst of all, he is accused of doing little more than providing very expensive links (like property, the three rules of Attenborough link shots are location, location, location) between other people's bits of film.

Certainly, you could cite evidence from last night's first programme in support of all these charges. His narration does promise rather more than it can ever deliver. "Strange as it may seem," he whispered, "some plants move — not just their flowers and leaves — but they can travel from place to place." Cut to pictures of a friendly group of oak trees setting off along the Pennine Way? Sadly not, cut to a bog-standard essay (albeit beautifully illustrated) on seed distribution, instantly recognisable by any student of GCSE biology. As for plants as "incomparable time travellers", you try explaining dormancy to a generation raised on mighty, anthropomorphin' Power Rangers.

Whether Attenborough is overzealous in attributing human qualities to plants is more debatable. True, he described the magically time-lapsed brambles as weaving about "as if looking for the best path" but that's hardly a prickling offence. However, there seems little doubt that the law of the Attenborough jungle is "two legs good, four legs better". From the minute the first shaggy dog with burrs in his coat appeared, he perked up considerably, barely able to conceal his excitement at the prospect of hiding behind a tree to whisper about the endangered Indian rhino.

For a programme about travelling plants, there was no doubt about the species that clocked up the most air miles — *Attenboroughia Davidi*, a hardy perennial that managed to cram California, Africa, Asia, Australia and Japan all into the first programme. That said, the material he was no doubt expensively linking together was breath-taking and beautiful in its detail. The producer, Neil Nightingale, and the BBC Natural History Unit had assembled the most remarkable footage of the plant kingdom, taking maximum advantage of the technical advances of recent years.

Quite why this programme is going out at 9.30pm I suspect only Alan Yentob knows, although those who have cross-pollinated and wish to watch it with their seedlings can take advantage of an earlier repeat on BBC 2 on Mondays. Once a week at 8pm would surely have been a simpler solution. And it would have left even the most hardened botanist free to bid a final farewell to Mark McManus in **Taggart** (ITV).

McManus, who died last year, appeared but briefly last night in the first of a three-part story. But all the other ingredients that have made *Taggart* so popular over the years were there in abundance. Glasgow, a city where it's nearly always dark and nearly always raining, looked moody and magnificent, an impression enhanced by the equally moody music which always threatens to turn into *Bergerac* but thankfully never quite does.

Only one thing was missing, at least initially. Some 15 minutes in, I realised that I was in the distinctly unTaggartian position of understanding the plot. Man at druggy party falls out of window to his death, police understandably want to know whether he was pushed, Superintendent McVitie is in hospital with a mild heart attack and Taggart has been given grudging and temporary promotion. "Not the perfect choice, I know, but there's no one else available."

Nothing too difficult there, then. But three minutes and three subplots later — a murdered Polish girl, a drug-peddling taxi-driver and a property developer with some explaining to do — I was back in more familiar territory - completely lost. Much better.

With Taggart off shuffling paper somewhere, it was left to DI Jardine (James Macpherson) and DS Reid (Blythe Duff) to do the serious detecting, which they set about with a mix of enthusiasm and *ennui* that would have made their old boss proud. On this showing, the decision to continue the *Taggart* series with Macpherson and Duff as the stars looks a good one. After all, any detective sergeant who walks into a dark flat and says: "Oh, isn't that Father Jerzy Popieluszko" must be due for promotion.

I don't know whether it's too much time spent in the company of Ned Sherrin and Brian Sewell, but at times in **Travelog** (Channel 4) Robert Elms was sounding almost posh. Only once on his entertaining but somewhat introspective tour of Colombia and the Caribbean, did he remember the estuarine vowels sounds for which 'e is known. "Change iz defin't'ly gunna cum, but I'm not sure ooz going to love it," he said sitting on a rock surrounded by some very dirty water that he assured us would soon be a golf course: "but if it duzn't help these people, it ain't getting betta." By George, just for a moment, I thought he'd got it.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (96926)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18669164)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8927560)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1805980) **10.05 Good Morning With Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (85184454)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7365928) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (3354893) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78746657)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (44270)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91493386) **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz show introduced by Bill Dod (s) (91497102)

2.15 Treasures in Trust. A look at the work of the 100-year-old National Trust (r) (6292454)

3.30 Cartoon (4727015) **3.50 Jackanory.** Christopher Guard with part four of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* (s) (9850675) **4.00 SuperTed** battles with the evil Texas Pete (r) (6549657) **4.10 Robinson Sucroe.** (Ceefax) (4599299) **4.35 Sloggers.** Comedy series about a team of young cricketers. (Ceefax) (s) (4609386)

5.00 Newsround (6018541) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (9073837)

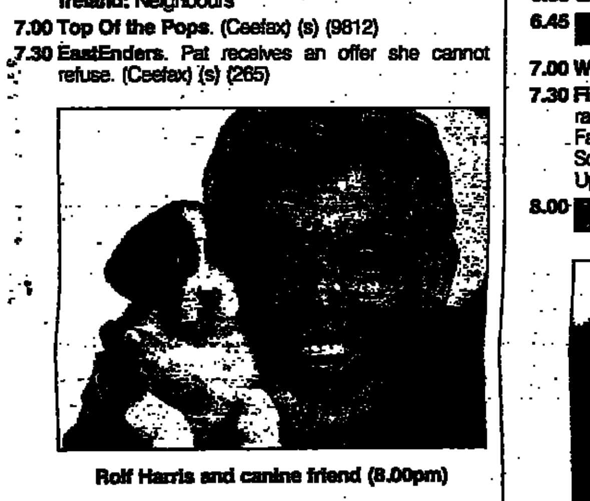
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (568164)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (251)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (831). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Top Of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9812)

7.30 EastEnders. Pat receives an offer she cannot refuse. (Ceefax) (s) (265)



Rolf Harris and canine friend (8.00pm)

8.00 Animal Hospital. Rolf Harris and Steve Knight visit the RSPCA Harmsworth Hospital in Holloway, north London. (Ceefax) (8560)

8.30 Down To Earth. Comedy series starring Richard Briers as an ex-pat finding life difficult back in Blighty, working as a labourer for a gardening firm. (Ceefax) (s) (4367)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8305)

9.30 CHOICE **Bad Boys** (196706)

10.20 Question Time. David Dimbleby is joined by the biographer Victoria Glendinning, Oxford historian Niall Ferguson and MPs Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Margaret Hodge. (Ceefax) (686454)

11.20 Cagney and Lacey. American policewomen drama series starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r). (Ceefax) (244812)

12.05am FILM: Glitz (1988) starring Jimmy Smits. A shot policeman's convalescence is cut short when he hears that his girlfriend has been murdered. He travels to Atlantic City to track down the killer where his investigations lead him into the seedy world of gamblers, gangsters and hookers. A made-for-television movie directed by Sandor Stern. (Ceefax) (778874)

1.40 Weather (8813619)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (4834183) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4833454) **7.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** with Yogi Bear (r) (8190909) **7.35 The Really Wild Show** (r). (Ceefax) (1320909)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (8211183)

8.15 The Record (7663473) **8.35 Consuming Passions** Chicken Dijon (7651725)

8.40 NEW **The Time Of Your Life.** Adventurous mature people (4382589)

9.00 Destination Mozart. Film producer Peter Sellars discusses his productions of Mozart (76003)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (4613283)

10.25 FILM: The Court-Martial Of Billy Mitchell (1955) starring Gary Cooper. Fact-based 1920s courtroom drama directed by Otto Preminger (60949657)

12.00 Kingfisher — Secret Splendour Of the Brooks (88396) **12.30 Working Lunch** (18454)

1.00 Postman Pat (r) (13131744) **1.15 The Infinite Voyage: Sail On, Voyager.** Film from the Voyager spacecraft (6233096) **2.10 Next With Marti Caine** (s) (17140947) **2.35 From the Edge** (7847657)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster With Nick Ross** (3403855)

3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (1650657)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (744)

4.30 Victorian Kitchen (r). (Ceefax) (928)

5.00 Children's Hospital (r) (7218)

5.30 Catchword. Word game (s) (980)

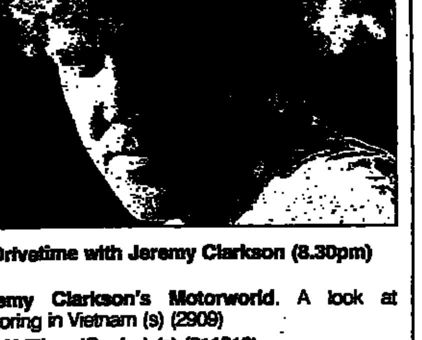
6.00 Quantum Leap (r). (Ceefax) (493218)

6.45 NEW **They Who Dare.** Derring-do series (965003)

7.00 Waiting for God (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7454)

7.30 First Sight: Lives on the Line. Safety on the railways (657). **Wales:** Hi-de-Hi!; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West

8.00 CHOICE **Metropolis.** (Ceefax) (6102)



Drivetime with Jeremy Clarkson (8.30pm)

8.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld. A look at motoring in Vietnam (s) (2909)

9.00 The X Files. (Ceefax) (s) (811812)

9.45 Situation Vacant: The Advertising Executive. (Ceefax) (s) (364560)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (644638)

11.15 Late Review (s) (522102) **11.55 Weather** (135928)

12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour** with Andrew Neil (5327874). Ends at **12.55am**

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (50042)

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CHOICE



Alison Halford plays at Prime Minister (C4, 8.00pm)

The Number 10 Show
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Alison Halford kicks off a new series in which non-politicians say what they would do if they were Prime Minister. Halford became famous as Britain's highest-ranking woman police officer and for suing the police for sexual discrimination when she failed to gain further promotion. Not surprisingly, her big idea is a Ministry of Equal Chance to ensure that women of talent are not held back in the workplace. She also urges a national system of childcare, paternity leave as a right for all fathers and an attack on secrecy and patronage, with special reference to the Freemasons. The format does not allow Halford's ideas to go unchallenged. Look out for a fiery exchange with the bluff Conservative MP, Ray Whitney.

Remembering Jacqueline du Pré
Channel 4, 9.00pm

After Sunday's film about Schubert, Christopher Nupen celebrates another glorious talent who fell silent too soon. The cellist Jacqueline du Pré would have been 50 this month. Her brilliant career was cut short by multiple sclerosis and she died in 1987. Nupen is probably not exaggerating when he calls her one of the greatest performing musicians England has produced. His film lets du Pré's prodigious skill speak mainly for itself, through archive film (much of it old enough to be in black and white) of her rehearsals and performances. Fiercely determined and utterly commited, she could also act the fool. The footage is full of laughter. As Sir John Barbirolli says, such heaven-sent gifts do not appear every day.

Bad Boys
BBC1, 9.30pm

Ian Pattison, the creator of *Rab C. Nesbitt*, has penned this comedy-drama about two old lags who meet up in Glasgow, though viewers south of the border are unlikely to need subtitles. In any case one of the leads is played by the far-from-Scottish Karl Howman. Essentially the tale is of villains being pursued by villains. Howman's Wayne is barely out of Wandsworth than he is tangling with a bunch of nasties and forced to flee north. He throws himself on the mercy of former cell-mate Fraser (Freddie Boardley), who also has a Mr Nasty threatening dreadful things. Without ever suggesting that it will translate into a hit series, *Bad Boys* is a deftly-plotted romp with nice flashes of humour.

Metropolis: Someone to Watch Over Me
BBC2, 8.00pm

Continuing a thoughtful series about the impact of technology on the modern city, Dr David Wilson looks at surveillance cameras. As governor of a secure prison he employs such equipment as a matter of course. But he is wary of its use elsewhere and worried that cameras are springing up without proper regulation. He is bothered that attempts to make cities safer may intrude on civil liberties and carry echoes of *1984*. Wilson sets out to test his reservations by visiting a shopping centre in Los Angeles. He also travels to Newcastle upon Tyne, to watch police cameras covering the city centre round the clock, and a housing estate in north London where cameras have been introduced to combat crime. Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3551763)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Ted Robbins (4047638) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1263562)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place. Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (9322744)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (32260657)

12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7354812)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7713270)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (7738589) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (34193454)

1.55 Vanessa. Discussion series on women's matters. (Teletext) (s) (80645198) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (17132928) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary.** John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (6153589)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5675560) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5674831)

3.30 The Riddlers (5627560) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3450639) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (4723299) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (4583638) **4.40 Fun House.** Slapstick game show. (Teletext) (3803831)

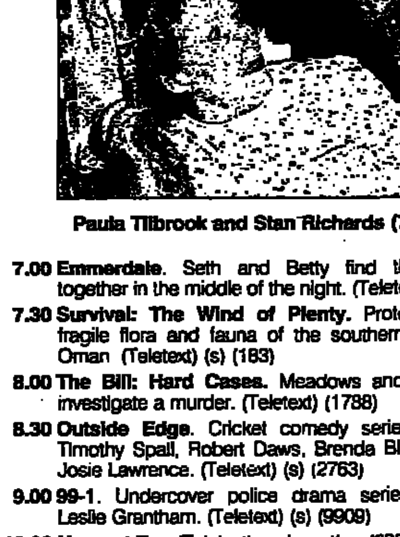
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2128706)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (832386)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox slot (731164)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (947)

6.30 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (299)



Paula Tilbrook and Stan Richards (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Seth and Betty find themselves together in the middle of the night. (Teletext) (4980)

7.30 Survival: The Wind of Plenty. Protecting the fragile flora and fauna of the southern coast of Oman (Teletext) (s) (183)

8.00 The Bill: Hard Cases. Meadows and Johnson investigate a murder. (Teletext) (1788)

8.30 Outside Edge. Cricket comedy series starring Timothy Spall, Robert Daws, Brenda Blethyn and Josie Lawrence. (Teletext) (s) (2763)

9.00 99-1. Undercover police drama series starring Leslie Grantham. (Teletext) (s) (9909)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (99831) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (749725)

10.40 Revelations. Drama serial about the family of a bishop (116454)

11.10 Synchro. Four five-minute films made by directors new to television, introduced by Dilly Braimoh (s) (193522)

11.40 The Powers That Be starring John Forsythe as an American senator (160454)

12.10am The Little Picture Show (r) (5333435)

1.10 The Beat (r) (s) (2643232)

2.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (5900085)

3.05 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (87395874)

3.30 Sport AM featuring American Skins golf (r) (49139)

4.30 Videofashion (r) (11232)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (84690)

5.30 ITN Morning News (54868). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life. Animated series exploring the human body (r) (8267812)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (34893)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (76980)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit. Minimum effort exercises (s) (8058725)

9.45 FILM: Long Voyage Home (1940, b/w) starring John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell and Barry Fitzgerald. Second World War drama about the crew of a ship carrying munitions across the Atlantic. Directed by John Ford (41651102)

11.40 To the Shores of Iwo Jima A documentary about the Pacific island (9067454)

12.00 House to House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (96744)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The guest is Mel Gibson (56367) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz** (r) (s) (63095819)

1.55 That Goes Double. A musical short starring Russ Columbo, made in 1933 (91489183)

2.20 FILM: No Sad Songs For Me (1950, b/w) starring Margaret Sullavan, Wendell Corey and Natalie Wood. Sentimental weepie about a wife and mother who decides not to tell her philandering husband and her daughter that she has cancer and only a few months to live. Directed by Rudolph Mate (596831)

4.00 Revenge Of the Rain Gods. Rosie Swales continues her trek through South America (r) (812)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (116)

5.00 Ricki Lake. Police defend themselves against accusations of racism and false arrest. (Teletext) (s) (6245367) **5.50 Terrytoons** (754015)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (589)

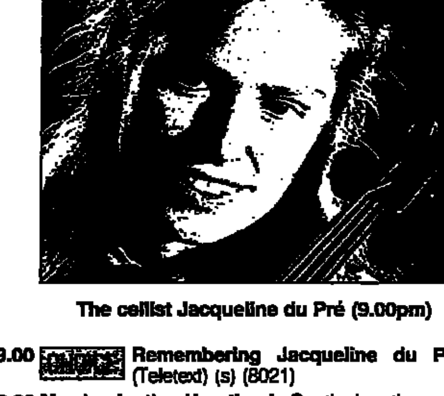
6.30 Saved By The Bell: The College Years (541)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (686386)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (644744)

8.00 CHOICE **The Number 10 Show.** (Teletext) (1270)

8.30 NEW **The Pulse.** Health issues magazine presented by Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) (6855)



The cellist Jacqueline du Pré (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Remembering Jacqueline du Pré.** (Teletext) (s) (8021)

10.00 Murder In the Heartland. Continuing the mini-series, based on fact, about a teenaged couple who, in 1958, went on a murder spree. Starring Tim Roth and Fairuza Balk. (Teletext) (s) (224748)

11.50 Bullpen. Baseball comedy series (s) (165909)

12.20am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's programme about the murky side of Britain's arms trade. (Teletext) (2308597)

1.25 Key West. Off-beat American comedy series (s) (9616787)

2.20 FILM: Advice To the Lovelorn (1933, b/w) starring Lee Tracy and C. Henry Gordon. Vintage comedy drama about a reporter, demoted to the agony aunt column, who becomes involved with a racketeer. Directed by Alfred Werker (1476684). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (91481541) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (6153589) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2128706) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (710522) **10.40** Cover Story (116454) **11.10** Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge (912676) **12.10am** Beyond Reality (1865481) **12.40** Frankenstein Unbound (373503) **2.15** Nite Bites (4577684) **2.30** The Beat (37394) **3.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18085) **4.00-4.30** Quiz Night (14400)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91481541) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (6153589) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2128706) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (163003) **11.10-12.10pm** Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge (912676) **4.25am** Jobfinder (4838058) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2106597)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7738589) **1.25** Home and Away (51681725) **1.50** Vanessa (89295657) **2.20** The Main Ingredient (17124909) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6153589) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2128706) **6.25** Granada Tonight (710522) **7.00** Emmerdale (4980) **7.30-8.00** Survival (183) **10.40** Revelations (116454) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (912676) **12.10am** The Little Picture Show (5333435) **1.10** The Beat (2643232) **2.10** The Album Show (5900085) **3.05** Top Ten (87395874) **3.30** Sport AM (2792313) **4.25** Jobfinder (1994435) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (84690)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.25 Gardening Time (17116980) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7854947) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2128705) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (299) **10.40** Getaways (116454) **11.10** The West This Week (193522) **11.40-12.10pm** Good Health (160454) **4.25am-5.00** Jobfinder (1994435)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (1263562) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (7354812) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (5674831) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (299) **7.30-8.00** Lungs for Workers (183) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (749725) **10.40** The Once and Future Valleys (116454) **11.10** Wales on the Wide Screen (193522) **11.40-12.10pm** Survival (160454)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1263562) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7354812) **1.55** A Country Practice (91481541) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6153589) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5674831) **5.10** Home and Away (2128706) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (751928) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (947) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (299) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (749725) **10.40** Magnum (310034) **11.40** Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge (694893) **12.40am** Frankenstein Unbound (373503) **2.15** Nite Bites (4577684) **2.30** The Beat (37394) **3.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18085) **4.00-4.30** Quiz Night (14400) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (84690)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1263562) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (17116980) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (5674831) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2128706) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (20299) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (749725) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (116454) **11.10-12.10pm** Prisoner Cell Block H (912676) **4.25am-5.00** Jobfinder (1994435)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91481541) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6153589) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2128706) **5.55** Calendar (789265) **6.30-7.00** Runway (299) **10.40** Magnum (397183) **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H (982560) **12.30am** The Red Spider (218139) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3912329) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7134961) **3.10** Revenge is My Destiny (6326690) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (8778771)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34893) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (76980) **9.30** Stand Still, Be Fit (8058725) **9.45** Long Voyage Home (41651102) **11.40** The Shores Of Iwo Jima (9067454) **12.00pm** House To House (96744) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (42562) **1.00** Take Five (37980) **1.30** Journeyman (92003) **2.00** Survival. Quest in The Flooded Forest (20102) **3.00** Classic Trucks (6611) **3.30** Ricki Lake: I'm Proud To Be A Mistress (7965980) **4.20** Terrytoons (6545831) **4.30** The Cosby Show (116) **5.00** 5 Pump (6089015) **5.15** Chwedlau Llys Helyg (9534725) **5.30** Countdown (676) **6.00** Newyddion (127947) **6.20** Heno (733473) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2522) **7.30** Performiad:caryl A' R Band (35724) **8.30** Newyddion (6855) **9.00** Aria Maes Teg Man Draw (8021) **10.00** The Long Day Closes (316589) **11.35** UN Blues: The First Betrayal (693164) **12.35am** Witness: The Morehouse Men (7837996)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (87084744) **7.45** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5158763) **8.25** Dennis (5238589) **8.40** Dynamo Duck (4048263) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (2883152) **9.30** Card Sharks (52812) **10.00** Concentration (8432947) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8707522) **10.30** Candid Camera (23812) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95928) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (14164) **12.30pm** E Street (83928) **1.00** St Elsewhere (51183) **2.00** Lace II (59638) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9122980) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1724744) **4.15** Power Rangers (4218096) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4909) **6.00** Gamesworld (1909) **6.30** Blockbusters (5589) **7.00** E Street (5638) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4473) **8.00** Manhunter (98638) **9.00** Under Suspicion: Police drama series (95182) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (11589) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (884454) **11.45** Littlejohn (587164) **12.30am** Chances (16348) **1.30** Night Court (88685) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (4539394)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9701473) **9.30** Sky News Extra (88580) **10.30** ABC Nightline (21454) **11.00** World News and Business (86270) **1.30pm** CBS News (54837) **2.30** Parliament Live (1522) **4.00** World News and Business (70744) **5.00** Live at Five (2505473) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (98683247) **9.30** Worldwide Report (45657) **11.30** CBS Evening News (58454) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (66980) **1.30** Sky News Extra (84782) **2.30** Parliament Replay (83023) **4.30** CBS Evening News (11394) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (96868)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2661522) **10.00 Dream Chasers** (1985) (67744) **12.00 Age of Treason** (1993) (56541) **2.00pm The Call of the Wild** (1972) (95541) **4.00 True Stories** (1986) (77716218) **5.45 Over the Hill** (1991) (19131812) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (9541) **8.00 Benny and Joon** (1993) (87522) **10.00 Out for Justice** (1991) (954763) **11.35 A Burning Passion Margaret Mitchell Story** (1993) (989744) **1.20am Dorato and Daughter** (1993) (2377787) **2.50 Wild Orchid: The Red Shoes Diary** (1992)(197787) **4.35-6.00 True Stories** (1986) (3751597)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Philadelphia Experiment (1984) (88299) **8.00 Diary of a Madman** (1962) (81949589) **9.40-12.00 Frances** (1982) (90922793)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Carmen Jones (1954) (98134638) **7.50 The Elm-Chanted Forest** (1991) (3371638) **9.20 The Emperor's New Clothes** (2596015) **10.15 Twister** (1989) (32109218) **11.50 Bright Eyes** (1934) (4428183) **1.20pm Harvey Middleman Fireman** (1965) (9572698) **2.40 White Fang** (1993) (5058638) **3.35 The Elm-Chanted Forest** (1991) (2159015) **5.05 The Emperor's New Clothes** (1340541) **6.00 Ladybugs** (1992) (13947) **8.00** (1993) (85164) **10.00 Candyman** (1992) (670164) **11.50 The Lover** (1992) (644034) **1.50am House of Cards** (1993) (821706) **3.45-5.15 Night Hunt** (1992) (223787)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1312218) **7.15** Fish Tales (9123541) **7.30** Cricket: Australia v England (8259183) **11.30** Rugby (74657) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (34367) **12.30pm** Extreme (41034) **1.30** Rugby (42763) **2.30** Speed and Beauty (7980) **3.00** NBA Basketball (10218) **5.00** WWF Action Zone (8025) **6.00** Soccer News (560763) **6.15** Fish Tales (565218) **6.30** Rugby Union (9589) **7.00** Cricket Highlights (252893) **10.00** Soccer News (978541) **10.15** Bootroom (389893) **11.15** Transworld Sport (318305) **12.15am** Rugby Union (760868) **12.45** Fish Tales (7742619) **1.00-3.00** Sky Sports' Greatest Hits (22435)

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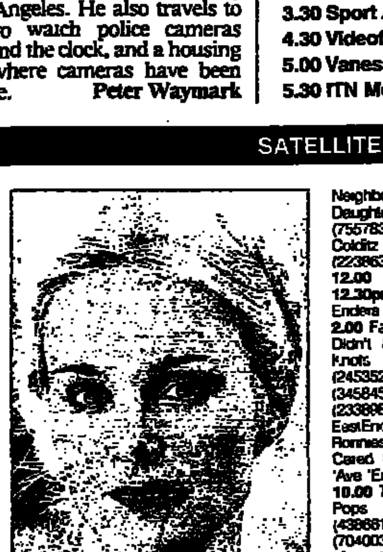
7.30am Rally Raid (48034) **8.00** Equestrianism (32893) **9.00** Eurotennis (91909) **10.00** Dancing (44218) **11.00** Rally Raid (29034) **11.30** Motors Magazine (21096) **12.30pm** Car Racing (36102) **1.30** Snooker (77015) **3.30** Eurofun (4893) **4.00** Snowboarding (3926) **4.30** Adventure (26928) **5.30** Superbike (79198) **6.30** News (4857) **7.00** Wrestling (29522) **8.00** Motor Racing on Ice (5270) **8.30** Rally Raid (4305) **9.00** Boxing (58034) **10.00** Football (90522) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (28481)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2164893) **8.30** Peyton Place (2163164) **9.00** As the World Turns (6912589) **10.00** Guiding Light (4497980) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4417744)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 South Africa (2167980) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (8300015) **1.00** Cruising the Globe (4411560) **1.30** Cooking in America (8309386) **2.00** California Gold (1926247) **2.30** South Africa (8513876) **3.00** La Lore (7601744) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (8504928) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8693812) **5.00** Dive — Pennekamp, Florida (7221639) **5.30** Cooking in America (8584164) **6.00** Australia (8514305) **6.30** New Orleans (8505657) **7.00** American Vacation (4743947) **8.00** Around the World (5326003) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (2376788) **9.00** Australia (7619763) **9.30** New Orleans (6380251) **10.00** Dive — Pennekamp, Florida (2175909) **10.30** America (7357980) **11.30-12.00** California (8650676)



Jessica Lange as Frances Farmer (Sky Movies Gold, 9.40pm)

TLC

9.00am Floral Magic (7546725) **9.30** Beginner's Cookery (2901251) **10.00** Empty Arms (4843928) **10.30** Only Human (5853812) **11.15** Draw with Don (52451096) **11.30** Right or Wrong (2461541) **12.00** Sick Kids (7566589) **12.30pm** Against All Odds (2912367) **1.00** Cookery (7612589) **1.30** Floral Magic (2911639) **2.00** Draw with Don (76139096) **2.15** Extra Dimensions (2964102) **3.00** The Secret Gardens (5834706) **3.30-4.00** Driving (7744096)

UK GOLD

7.00am Blankety Blank (7615676) **7.30** Neighbours (7694183) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7558560) **8.30** EastEnders (7557831) **9.00** The Bill (7548183) **9.30** Colditz (2560305) **10.30** The Lotus Eaters (2238638) **11.30** Blankety Blank (2470299) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7568947) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2914725) **1.00** EastEnders (7614947) **1.30** The Bill (2913096) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (2589639) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (7741309) **3.00** Knots Landing (2474015) **4.00** Dynasty (2453522) **5.00** Every Second Counts (3458454) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (2338980) **5.55** Porridge (7720725) **6.30** EastEnders (7786218) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9726812) **8.00** I Didn't Know You Cared (2684263) **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (7434580) **9.00** Minder (9724096) **10.00** The Bill (7569676) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6114893) **11.10** Rory Bremner (4386811) **11.50** Dr Who: Ghostlight (7040034) **12.20am** FILM: **Command Decision** (1948) (2217503) **2.20** Shopping at Night (49799313)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (9775454) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (3911657) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8124744) **7.55** Pugwall (5586725) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6735812) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3953367) **9.00** Sesame Street (40299) **10.00** It's Dropbee Time (87657) **12.00** Garfield (90947) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (29947) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (66251) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (30337639) **1.45** Baby Follies (49882544) **2.00** Barney (1096) **2.30** Babar (8638) **3.00** Casper (6849473) **3.15** Gravedale High (625812) **3.45** Sonic (624183) **4.15** Head to Head (4115164) **4.30-5.00** Pugwall (1102)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive (1303560) **7.15** Pee-Wee (750947) **7.45** Rugrats (759218) **8.15** Doug (811522) **8.45** Nickalive (9639893) **9.00** Nick Jr (523928) **12.00** Pee-Wee (32909) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (61909) **1.00** Galaxy High School (31744) **1.30** Banana Sandwhich (53980) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (8980) **2.30** Smoggies (5522) **3.00** Nick Faves (7015) **3.30** Turtles Gold — Best of Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7367) **4.00** Doug (9102) **4.30** Rugrats (5386) **5.00** Clarissa (2560) **5.30** Nickalive (6638) **6.00** Grimmy (6251) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (4201)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Valley of the Rhino (2451164) **5.00** Paradise (2898589) **5.50** Man Eaters (1345812) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2920386) **7.00** Australia Wild (4449247) **7.30** Fork in the Road (7753744) **8.00** Time Travellers (4484265) **8.30** Adventures (9234562) **9.00** Special Forces (2480676) **9.30** Those Who Dare (2925831) **10.00** Chrome Dreams (9725725) **11.00** Ambulance! (2452893) **11.30-12.00** Life in the Wild (4632812)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. **Dark Eyes of London** (1939) (2612229) **1.30pm** Donny and Marie (2908164) **2.00** thirtysomething (4631183) **3.00** My Three Sons (5739152) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7731522) **4.00** FILM **Summer Storm** (1944) (7634788) **6.00** Death Valley Days (7760034) **6.30** I Spy (2818522) **7.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (7740270) **8.00** thirtysomething (9739928) **9.00** Twilight Zone (2477102) **9.30** FILM. **Cold Sweat** (1971) (5583744) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4636638)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2697164) **7.00** Living Magazine (2690102) **8.00** The Treatment (7812638) **8.30** Women Mean Business (7811909) **9.00** Delia Smith (4036909) **9.35** Now You See It (7320589) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4873638) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7824473) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3737831) **12.00** Bon Voyage (7815725) **12.30pm** Kilroy (3296893) **1.30** Room for Change (4558980) **2.00** Agony Hour (4874367) **3.00** Living Magazine (4818541) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (87212454) **4.00** Infatuation (5831657) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10055299) **4.55** Masterchef (2711638) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5811893) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5841034) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5832386) **7.00** Living Magazine (2387819) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2009469) **9.00** FILM **Seduction** (43412657) **10.50** Sneak Scenes — I Love Trouble (4914305) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7738102) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4862522)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (5678) **5.30** Where I Live (2454) **6.00** African Skies (822980) **6.25** All Clued Up (454589) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (5812) **7.30** My Two Dads (2831) **8.00** Snowy River — The Mcgregor Saga (85102) **9.00** Moonlighting (72638) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (91676) **10.30** GP (77096) **11.00** Lou Grant (83928) **12.00** Rhoda (60481) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (21058) **1.00** Danger Mouse (27416) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (60619) **2.00** Moonlighting (98110) **3.00** Lou Grant (54503) **4.00** Rhoda (14077) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (35481)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (83839) **6.30** The Grind (56386) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (84270) **8.00** VJ Ingo (437657) **11.00** Soul (64893) **12.00** Greatest Hits (37152) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (51831) **3.00** Sports (2589) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8471299) **3.45** Cinematic (8469454) **4.00** News (4134299) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4117522) **4.30** Dial MTV (3560) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (6541) **6.00** The Pulse (37116) **7.00** Greatest Hits (78812) **8.00** Real World 2 (87560) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (67218) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (87611) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (410560) **10.15** Cinematic (415015) **10.30** News (572015) **10.45** 3 from 1 (560270) **11.00** The End? (55305) **1.00am** Soul (83619) **2.00** The Grind (29955) **2.30** Night Videos (2369023)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4410831) **9.00** Café (3831833) **12.00** The Bridge (2332947) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4442183) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7355960) **3.30** Into the Music (4945367) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8387164) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4745305) **8.00** Rock (4721725) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4741589) **10.00** The Bridge (9918763) **11.30** Top Five (8652034) **12.00** The Nightfly (2682110) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (5841665) **3.00** Rock (1115435) **4.00** Ten of the Best (1244987) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (7481503)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (16744) **7.00** Asian Morning (28763) **8.30** Bunyaad (83657) **9.00** FILM (1475522) **12.00** Ghar (95960) **1.00pm** FILM: Rama O Rama (334819) **4.00** Kashkool (56102) **5.00** Visuvin Arattai Arangam (21021) **5.30** Paatuku Paattu (9960) **6.00** TVA and You (6251) **6.30** Senai Bunyaad (4201) **7.00** Senai Gul Gulshan Gulfam (9096) **7.30** Dhun Dhamaka (6015) **8.00** News (6744) **8.30** Bollywood Plus (7251) **9.00** FILM. Thoda Sa Roomani Ho Jaye (191218) **12.00** Asian Morning (29961) **1.30am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm A Yank at Eton (1942) (27333454) **8.40 Young Tom Edison** (1940) (72051164) **10.20 Love Finds Andy Hardy** (1938) (84524251) **12.00 The Hardy's Ride High** (1939) (76414771) **1.35am The Strip** (1951)(90865067) **3.10-5.00 A Yank at Eton** (1942) As 7pm (30941023)

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Shilton decides to leave his post

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN MARCH 1992, Peter Shilton arrived to manage Plymouth Argyle and the fanfares sounded as the former England goalkeeper, with 125 caps, pledged himself to restore the fortunes of the West Country's leading club. Yesterday, Shilton bowed out of Home Park with little more than a whimper, a bewildered figure, beset by lurid tales of alleged financial misadventures, leaving a legal adviser to impart his final thoughts on what has been a sorry saga.

Shilton, 45, was suspended on full pay last week after failing to meet the demands of Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman, to settle a £50,000 debt to the Inland Revenue. McCauley claimed it was outstanding from the signing-on fee, believed to be £125,000, that Shilton received when he joined the club. On Monday, Shilton countered with a writ, claiming Plymouth had acted unfairly.

Yesterday, the twisting and turning of the past few months reached an inevitable conclusion when Michael Morrison, of Gorner and Co, the Manchester-based solicitors, confirmed Shilton's departure.

"Plymouth Argyle have broken his [Shilton's] contract and therefore he has terminated his employment as a response to their breach of contract," Morrison said. "Technically, he has not resigned. By their behaviour, the club has discharged the contract. He is no longer an employee of the club."

McCauley, predictably, viewed the latest chapter through green-and-black tinted spectacles: "The way I read it, he has resigned. He will probably say he has been forced to resign, but, as far as I am concerned, he has resigned."

Steve McCall has been installed as Argyle's caretaker player-manager — he led the team in the 2-0 FA Cup third-round defeat at Nottingham Forest on Saturday — but the frequently bitter exchanges between Shilton and McCauley, which have taken on soap opera proportions since the start of this season, seem certain to continue until at least the start of next season.

Shilton will claim compensation, alleging he was effectively dismissed, and Plymouth will strongly deny the charge.

Ironically, Plymouth had offered Shilton the merest glimpse of an olive branch by arranging a meeting, originally scheduled for today, to discuss possible ways of settling the dispute. Not only had it brought unwelcome publicity to the Devon club — although the high-profile McCauley seemed to thrive on it — it had also hindered the side's efforts to stave off relegation from the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League.

Shilton was invited to attend what had been provocatively termed a "disciplinary hearing" at Home Park, at which three of the five-strong board of directors — Peter Bloom, the vice-chairman, Denis Angilley and Ivor Jones — would try to arbitrate on the complex collection of financial problems facing Shilton.

McCauley, wisely, was going to stay away. "I want the meeting to be amicable," he said.

Jones felt that open discussion, without legal representatives present, could have been worthwhile. "It would have been in Peter's own interests to come along so that he could have put his side of the argument," he said.

However, Shilton had indicated he was unlikely to attend and the developments yesterday brought a halt to an affair that was becoming increasingly protracted and tangled.

As a player, Shilton travelled the world on international duty. He made 995 League appearances — with Leicester City, Stoke City, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Derby County and Plymouth — and was regarded as an obsessive, often isolated character who was always striving for perfection in his trade. Yet, clouding his spotless professional reputation, came sporadic allegations of drinking binges and gambling sprees.

All was apparently sweetness and light at Plymouth, whom he joined as player-manager, while the team was doing well and Argyle reached the semi-finals of the second division play-offs last year. However, as the side slid into the relegation zone this season, the simmering ill-feeling between McCauley and Shilton became embarrassingly public, with McCauley making a series of outspoken allegations about unpaid loans and other assorted debts.

Shilton's introduction to modern-day football management has turned out to be fraught and, at times, distasteful. The final ignominy will be when he has to hand back his top-of-the-range silver BMW, a symbol of a status he enjoys no longer. Whether or not he is allowed to keep his personalised number plate — PS 3438 — will probably be another matter for the lawyers.

SHILTON

1949: Born in Leicester, September 18.
1966: Signed for Leicester, aged 16
1970: England debut.
1974: Moved to Stoke City for £300,000.
1977: Moved to Nottingham Forest, managed by Brian Clough, for £270,000.
1978: Won league championship.
1979: Won European and League Cups.
1980: Forest retained European Cup.
1982: Moved to Southampton for £325,000.
1987: Moved to Derby County for £90,000.
1988: Won hundredth England cap
1990: Won 125th and final cap.
1992: Joined Plymouth Argyle on a free transfer as player-manager.
1995: Suspended on full pay; issued writ seeking damages for breach of contract; resigned as manager

TOM FINNIE



Sir John Hall, the Newcastle chairman, managed to charm some of the disgruntled supporters who gathered at the club's training ground on Tyneside yesterday

Hughes in no hurry to leave Old Trafford

BY PETER BALL AND LOUISE TAYLOR

THERE was no instant panacea yesterday in the shape of a new centre-forward for Newcastle United supporters still reeling at the sale of Andy Cole. In Manchester, Mark Hughes was considering his future with Manchester United, which is now in doubt as a result of Tuesday's record £7 million signing.

Hughes is reluctant to leave the North West and yesterday he insisted that he was in no hurry to leave Manchester at all. "I've still got more than three months left on my contract and I've been here for 15 years, so I don't want to leave," the 31-year-old said.

Everton, Leeds, Manchester City and Aston Villa have all expressed interest in him this season, although Alex Ferguson, the United manager, insisted yesterday that he had not had any bids. Joe Royle is likely to pursue the matter, although Everton may be reluctant to pay the £2.5 million that United want. A move to Goodison Park would undoubtedly suit Hughes, who lives in Wilmslow.

Yetthe Welshman has a stubborn streak and it is quite possible that he will decide to stay and fight for his place, or at least hold on until the end of his contract, when he would be in a much stronger negotiating position. He is also aware that Cole is cup-tied, so that, as long as United are still in the FA Cup, he still has a significant role to play.

Alex Ferguson, too, was quick to insist yesterday that Hughes had not been written out of his plans: "We've had a lot of injuries and absences this season — suspensions, Eric [Cantona] and Andy [Kanchelskis] away playing for France and Russia — so there is a part for him to play."

How long Hughes, whose relationship with the United faithful is almost as strong as that of Cole with Newcastle, would be content with a bit part remains to seen. "I've always said I wanted more than a one year contract," he said, but the signing of Cole suggests there is little chance of that now.

"If we get an offer from anybody, we will put it to Mark," Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, said, leaving little doubt that United are now prepared to sell the Welshman. "Something has got to give."

Stan Collymore, who had been widely tipped as United's big signing, may find his options have suddenly been taken away from him. Newcastle have shown no sign of interest and, if Liverpool withdraw, the forward may have little option but to consider Forest's offer of a new contract. Newcastle seem more likely to renew an old bid for Les Ferdinand, of Queens Park Rangers, or to look abroad, although the search for more physical presence would seem to undermine the reported interest in Dennis Bergkamp.

Yesterday, while Tyneside seethed, Kevin Keegan was putting on a cool front. "I'm on a day off," the manager told his daily press call after training. "I've got nothing to say on anything that happens. I said it all on Tuesday."

Others were more forthcoming: "I like to think that we can bring someone in, but nobody is putting a gun to Kevin's head," Terry McDermott, Keegan's assistant, said. Sir John Hall, who had also gone to the training ground, assured supporters that the money from the sale of Cole will be given to Keegan to spend. "He knows what to do. Give him time," Hall said.

Bryan Robson yesterday highlighted the extent of Middlesbrough's ambition by making a £2.5 million offer for Nicky Barmby, of Tottenham Hotspur. Although Barmby, an England Under-21 international forward, is unsettled at White Hart Lane, the London club rebuffed Robson's overtures. It will almost certainly not be Middlesbrough's last approach, however, as the Ensleigh Insurance League first division leaders need to strengthen their attack in readiness for promotion.

As principal assistant to Terry Venables, the England coach, Robson acted on a strong recommendation from the former Tottenham manager. In John Hendrie and Paul Wilkinson, Middlesbrough boast arguably the finest attack in the first division, but both players are ageing and the club is desperately short of frontline cover.

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Repairs put riders back on track

BY PETER BRYAN

ENGINEERS worked yesterday on the roof of the new £9 million National Cycling Centre at Manchester to remedy a leak that cancelled the previous night's opening meeting of the 1995 track series. Rainwater seeped through, making the 250-metre wooden track, banked to a maximum of 43 degrees, too dangerous for racing. More than 80 riders and about 600 spectators were affected by the cancellation.

The velodrome, opened by the Princess Royal last September, is the venue for a two-day international Superdrome meeting on February 11 and 12, which will include the European madison championship and a pursuit clash between the world champion, Chris Boardman, of Britain, and the world one-hour record-holder, Tony Rominger, from Switzerland.

A spokesman for Sport for Television, the organisers of the meeting, said last night: "We believe the trouble was caused by freak weather conditions and it should not be too much of a problem to make quick and effective repairs."

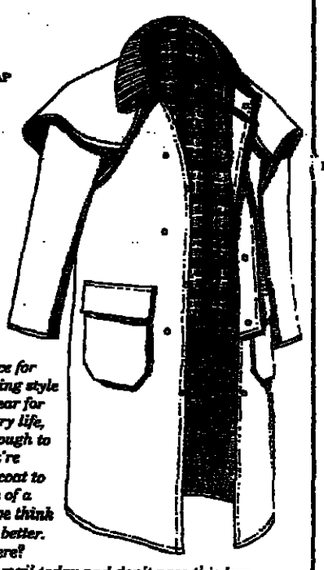
Jim Hendry, the chief executive of the British Cycling Federation, who will be responsible for the administration of the centre when it is handed over by the Sports Council, added: "There is no reason why the race programme tomorrow should not go ahead as planned."

The centre manager, Paul Hardy, backed him up: "We are confident that racing will be able to resume in time for the scheduled track league meeting," he said. "There is no real danger to the Superdrome meeting. The problem, which we were already aware of, occurs when there is a very strong wind in a certain direction. We hope to solve the problem shortly, but we also have a contingency plan which would involve installing sheeting to channel water away from the surface of the track."

Florian Rousseau will head a trio of leading French riders at the Superdrome meeting. Rousseau, the three-time one kilometre world title-holder, joins Frederic Magne, who won the tandem title with Fabrice Colas at the world championships in Sicily, and the women's world 500 metres standing-start record-holder, Felicia Ballanger, at the eagerly-awaited competition.

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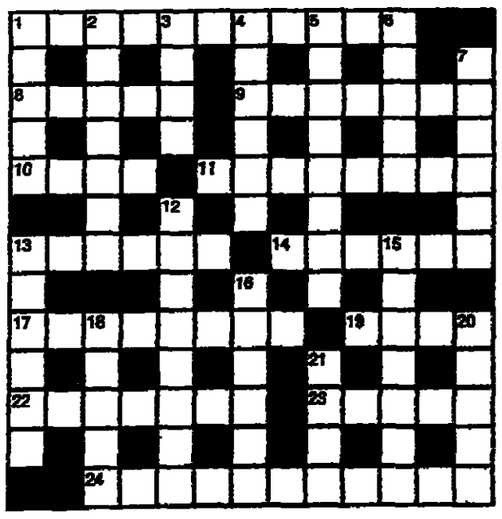


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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD
No 367

ACROSS
1 Enfeebled (11)
8 Italian: vertical type style (5)
9 Daze (with blow) (7)
10 Remove floating layer; glide smoothly (4)
11 Tungsten wire in bulb (8)
13 Cup, etc, as prize (6)
14 Fuss, to-do (6)
17 One claiming (religious) certainty impossible (8)
19 Minor quarrel (4)
22 Troglodyte (7)
23 Brilliant success, distinction (5)
24 Very overdue (4-7)

DOWN
1 Game played from oche (5)
2 (Italian) young child (7)
3 (Unattractively) long and straggly (4)
4 Ploy (6)
5 Locked spirits decanter (8)
6 Stew of braised meat (5)
7 In the prevailing circumstances (2,2,2)
12 Pawns and pieces (8)
13 Hypnotic state (6)
15 Tie pattern; Strathclyde town (7)
16 Skewered (6)
18 Book: new (5)
20 Treated as a celebrity (5)
21 Win ball from scrum; despicable person (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 366

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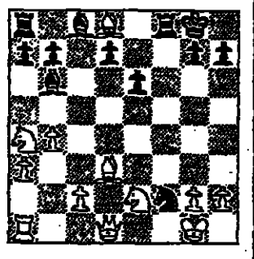
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kennedy - Staunton, London 1845. Black has sacrificed his queen to set up a powerful attack on the g1-a7 diagonal. However, at the moment, his bishop on b6 is attacked. How did he deal with this problem?



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHESHBESH
a. A bribe or backhander
b. Oriental backgammon
c. A desert tarboosh

STEYR
a. A tidal bore
b. An automatic pistol
c. Valley carved by a glacier

WEDELN
a. To shimmy while skiing
b. A Bavarian harvest festival
c. A merry Trickster

ZINGER
a. An automatic pager
b. A gaffer's assistant
c. Tophole

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